

THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Noe Valley Rolls with the Punches

Neighborhood Spared Major Damage in 7.1 Earthquake

By Jeff Kaliss

For the rest of our lives, we'll remember where we were when Mother Earth moved at 5:04 p.m. on the halmy evening of Oct. 17, 1989, setting off the most catastrophic California earthquake since 1906.

I was sitting at my computer, pounding out a story for the *Voice* when the 7.1 temblor hit. Fortunately, I was home in Noe Valley, a hilly and therefore pretty solid neighborhood. Unfortunately, the electricity disappeared and I lost the story. I ended up with a much bigger one.

Roaming the streets a couple of hours later with my transistor radio and my wife, Louise Whitlock, I was impressed with how well the neighborhood's architecture and its occupants were surviving this primal disturbance.

Volunteers were directing traffic at busy Castro Street intersections. Owners of battery-powered TVs had taken them out onto the sidewalk at Castro and 19th and at Noe and 23rd, to share with their neighbors. Aside from a collapsed brick chimney at Noe and 18th and some shattered glass storefronts on Church Street, there was little obvious damage. Police cars patrolled slowly, their headlights providing some of the only illumination for the dying day.

Down on 24th Street, David Chesley was strolling along the densely populated commercial strip with sons Nathan, 10,

We Could See the Stars

On my block, 22nd Street, all was well. Neighborhood children skateboarded, walked in pairs, and held their parents' hand. The Victorian house across the street cast a golden glow from its bay window. The illumination from their kerosene lamps could be seen through their lace curtains. It felt like yesterday.

The air was still, and we could all see the stars. My neighbors and I sat on our stoop under the crimson and plum bougainvillea. We didn't know each other well. We were together. Alma brought us the news with her battery-operated radio, Marsha and I brought some cheer with our Chardonnay. Strawberry sorbet appeared, rice crackers and conversation ensued. We all brought some light with our candles.

Together we learned about the bridge, the freeway, the Marina, the fires. We knew we were lucky. The darkened earthquake night slipped into early morning, and we slipped into our apartments, our beds, and our prayers. We were alive.

—Marigrace Bannon
Oct. 17, 1989

and Andrew, 8. At the time of the quake, the older boy had been practicing a song with the Young Repertory group on the third floor of the ACT building downtown on Geary Street.

"The piano started shaking and plaster began falling off," reported Nathan. "I wasn't scared, but I had to tell everyone to get under the table, because everyone was running around the room, including the teacher."

Glancing out the window, Nathan noticed shards of glass cascading down from the bigger buildings across the street, lacerating some pedestrians. Back home on Chattanooga Street, his father had been up on a ladder on the back porch, nailing boards.

"I just stayed up there for the whole thing," said David Chesley. "It was as good a place as any, and I didn't have too much time to think about it." But he did direct son Andrew to run out into the yard, out of the way of falling objects.

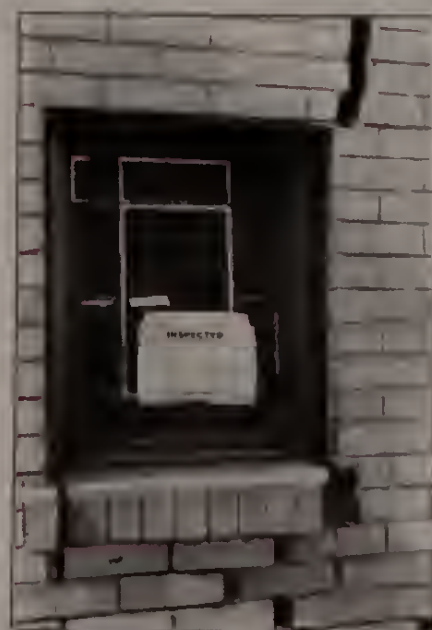
Unlike Chesley, 24th Street resident

Barbara Lindberg abandoned the ladder on which she'd been painting a back room, and ran down her hallway. "The back of the house seemed to be moving, and I thought maybe the middle was safer," she said. "I was afraid we'd have a large aftershock, so I got some food, some canned soda, and a couple of flashlights and put them in a backpack."

Like many of her neighbors, Lindberg later sat in candlelight on the stoop in front of her place, happy to have her husband home from work. But her cat was still hiding in parts unknown.

Other folks took refuge in the saloons, where sports fans had gathered before the quake to witness the televised fate of the San Francisco Giants in the third game of the World Series. Cork 'n' Bottle bartender Bernadette McIntyre was on duty during the shaker, which set the TV swinging on its chains. She lost only a few hottles and glasses, but most of her customers.

"There was nothin' but men in the bar



Only a few neighborhood buildings were damaged enough by the Oct. 17 quake to require city inspection. But the cracks around the windows and doorway of this house, at 1378-80 Church St., were clear evidence of our future vulnerability.

PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARD

[before the quake], and they take off and leave me," she recounted in a peeved hroque. "I was sayin' to myself, what kind of men are ya?"

Peter Farley, a fellow Irishman now living on Duncan Street, was on his way to the corner store for lettuce when he saw the parked cars and telephone poles moving. "At first I was scared, but then I was fascinated," he said.

At the Cork a couple of hours later, he was back with the regulars. "It's just like a carnival, everybody sharing stories," he grinned. "Typical San Francisco spirit."

Probably fearful of looting and hysteria, the police stopped in at each bar on 24th Street to halt the sale of alcohol at about 8:30 in the evening. "No camp songs, but you can stay," declared Tyrone Saunders, as he dispensed coke and ginger ale

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LANDMARKS of Noe Valley

Another Local Treasure Found: Joseph Lafferty

By Larry Beresford

"I have a knack for doing almost anything," says neighborhood oldtimer Joseph Lafferty, pointing to some of his handiwork in the enclosed courtyard behind his San Jose Avenue home.

"I made these animals out of cement with pieces of reinforcing iron, chicken wire, and whatnot, with obsidian for the eyes," he says of the two life-sized sculptures of a deer and a bear in his rear garden. "This bear only weighs 80 pounds." A similarly constructed cement lion greets visitors to Lafferty's front yard.

"I have a knack for making things out of practically nothing—from castoffs. It's just a matter of knowing how."

Vigorous, dapper, and 91 years old this December, Lafferty is known around his

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Joseph Lafferty's artistry extends beyond his San Jose Avenue home and out into the neighborhood, as evidenced by this Golden Gate Bridge mural he painted at Juri Commons, a favorite playground for his pooch Patsy. PHOTO BY ED BURN

The Long Night of Oct. 17

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by candlelight at Tien Fu Bar and Grill.

Steve Stein, one of his customers, was recovering from the quake-induced anxiety he'd experienced at his Steve's Guitars on Castro near 25th. "Up on the racks all the guitars started swinging into each other, so I was taking the most valuable ones and laying them on the floor," he explained. "My friend, who'd been playing with me, ran out into the street. He was concerned about his life, and I was concerned about my investment."

Having saved most of his instruments, Stein wandered down to 24th Street, where Douhle Rainbow Assistant Manager Anton Licko and colleagues were dispensing free ice cream before it melted. (Chocolate was the flavor depleted first, Licko said.)

"Everyone was in good spirits, so I used that period to reconcile with people I have tensions with," testified Stein.

Tony Camilleri of Diamond Street showed up at Tien Fu with his Sony Watchman, after his class at City College was brought to an abrupt halt. From the



On the morning after the shaker, Paul Sunga and son Alan swept up the shattered remains of windows at their beauty supplies store on Church Street. PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARD.

campus, he'd seen the Goodyear blimp heading for Candlestick Park to shoot aerial views of the game. "It stopped, made a U-turn, and split," says Camilleri. "I said, 'If the blimp is leaving the World Series, something is up... I'm outta here.'"

At Tien Fu, people crowded around Camilleri's pocket-sized TV for scenes

of the freeway collapse and the Marina fire, which seemed eerily both near and far away.

"I've been more moved by what I've seen than by what I felt," noted Camilleri. "People I met here tonight did not have access to TV or radio. I told them what happened and they couldn't believe

it. It really shook them up."

Joe Romero, a 23rd Street resident, had been moving around in a molten state before the earth did, in the company of thousands at Candlestick. "We'd just messed around with some scalpers and were on our way into the ball park," he remembered, leaning against a pole outside the shuttered Noe's Bar & Grill. "It was the first time I'd ever seen the ground just roll in front of me. I said, 'Jeeze, I ain't *that* drunk.'"

Romero entered the stadium to confront a stunned crowd. "There was total silence," he said. "Then everybody was going. 'Yeah, all right, we sent a message to Oakland, we're gonna play a ball game!'" A half an hour later, the faithful fans were sent home, and the gravity of the situation began to sink in.

The stars and nearly full moon were clearly visible above Noe Valley as an uncommonly dark night flowed over the excitement and anxiety. "It's kind of like camping in the city," said Laura Schepps of 22nd Street. "I think there are earthquake fairies in this neighborhood that protect us."

Voice history writer Larry Beresford gathered with neighbors for a non-electric barbecue, and meditated on the area's

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Tutors Correct Our Paper

There were a few errors and one omission in last month's stories about local tutoring services, and the Voice regrets any misunderstanding or inconvenience they may have caused.

First of all, Dore Weil's partner—not her assistant, as the Voice stated—at Yay Kids! tutorial service is Susan Sanford, not Stanford. Sanford has 20 years of experience in teaching, seven more than we reported. Sorry, Susan, we didn't mean to demote you.

In the accompanying story about Noyes Tutoring Service, the Voice neglected to publish the phone number. Katia Noyes informs us that the telephone directory did worse than that: they printed the wrong number for her business this year, so prospective clients may have had trouble making contact. The phone number for Noyes is 585-3331.

We promise to do a better job on our homework next time. □

LETTERS

Firefighters Tip Hats To Noe Neighbors

Dear residents of Noe Valley,

The firefighters at Engine Company No. 24, 100 Hoffman Ave., would like to thank all local residents who offered assistance and provisions to fellow San Franciscans—and especially firefighters—during our recent earthquake disaster.

Engine No. 24 has been busy assisting in disaster operations throughout the city and has spent little time in Noe Valley. When we did get back to our firehouse, the neighborhood residents overwhelmed us with food and drink to pull us through a couple of days when we had neither the time nor the access to shop for food and

cook our meals.

The generosity of our neighborhood is an example of how altruistic and caring we are in time of need. Please come by the firehouse and visit us anytime so we can personally thank you and show you what we do and how we live.

Gratefully yours,
Terry Smith, firefighter
Engine Company No. 24



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relative safety. "We know we're virtually on the rock," he said. "And wooden houses have a potential to give, bending rather than breaking, whereas stucco shakes and falls apart."

The next morning, in the clear light of a hot day, many people got to stay home and assess what psychic and physical damage there was. Clutching rare copies of a skinny, scary *Chronicle*, people waited on long lines for breakfast at Hungry Joe's at Church and Day streets.

A few blocks north on Church, Paul Sunga and son Alan swept up the remains of the windows that had collapsed at the Cash & Carry Discount Beauty Supplies Store.

And on Church near 26th, the brick facade on Ernesto Alonso's two-unit building sported huge cracks and a sign confirming that the property had been "inspected under emergency conditions" and that the unstable bricks would have to be removed.

Even though his residence was the only one in the neighborhood that he knew of with serious damage, Alonso was philosophical about his misfortune. "I'm just lucky to be alive," he said, recalling the 15 harrowing seconds he spent clinging to the door frame that divides his garage and basement apartment. "The property can be fixed—money comes from God."

Of the neighborhood's merchants, perhaps the most vulnerable were those with glass and other breakable items. John Powell, owner of Homes of Charm on Church Street, was relieved to have lost



Many of the custom lamps at Ceramics for Interior Design on 29th Street were destroyed, as was part of the wall, during last month's rattle of the Bay. PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARO

only \$400 worth of antique glass lampshades that tumbled off a high shelf, and Dan Gamaldi saved almost all of his stained glass at Cradle of the Sun, except for a dozen perfume bottles.

But Vincent Barron was heartbroken to find a myriad of crystal vases and porcelain items reduced to rubble on the floor of his Little Things Mean a Lot on Castro. And Terry Maraseo surrendered a thousand dollars worth of wine and spirits to the carpet of his store on 24th Street. Ceramics for Interior Design on 29th Street not only lost merchandise, but was forced to close for two weeks to re-sheetrock its walls.

By 9 a.m. the day after the quake, 24th Street was gridlocked, mainly by

post-traumatic neighbors converging on Bell Market, where employees had worked through the wee hours, cleaning up spilled goods in order to open on time.

Inside Bell, poised behind his cart behind a lot of other shoppers, John Pedraza of Liberty Street admitted that the aftershocks had prompted him to procure emergency supplies, including huge plastic bottles of water, batteries, and canned goods. "We'll keep it downstairs, in the basement," he promised.

Pedraza's office at the China Basin Building had been closed, but "it doesn't feel like a holiday to me," he groaned. "If it were, I'd be going to the beach instead of stocking up on supplies."

James Lick Middle School Principal

Mary Lou Mendoza Mason told the *Voice* that "there wasn't a declared need" on Oct. 17 for the emergency treatment and supplies that would be available at her school in times of greater crisis.

A Fire Department spokesperson said the 26th Street firehouse crew was called to only one small blaze on Duncan Street after the quake, but was otherwise kept busy repairing or removing broken chimneys.

Kerry Reynolds, director of community relations at St. Luke's Hospital on Army Street, reported that the hospital had treated 62 earthquake-related injuries by midday Oct. 20. Most of these were minor sprains, lacerations, and contusions, but five cardiac cases were admitted to the intensive care unit.

Many patients had waited several days to show up, probably because "people just didn't want to leave their houses," surmised Reynolds. She noted that the hospital has several physicians certified in the field of emergency medicine, developed since the Vietnam War.

By the time you read this, you'll know whether the quake helped the Giants, as fan Joe Romero hoped it might. You probably won't know the ultimate seismic score, because nobody knows when that will be posted.

"Maybe now we'll have more understanding about earthquakes in other countries," said Tony Camilleri.

At the other end of the world view, Laura Schepps found an affirmation for Noe Valley. "We're blessed and very solid, that we can come through a 7.0 earthquake without a lot of scathing," she said. "But I'm sorry that it takes a quake to make us all come out and talk to each other." □

What You Can Do to Help

By Suzanne Scott

If, like most Noe Valley residents, you came through the Quake of '89 with hardly a scratch, you've probably been searching for a way to help those fault-line dwellers who were not so fortunate. Here's a list of the needs of some local groups that are continuing their efforts to bring aid and comfort to earthquake victims.

☞ More than anything, the American Red Cross in San Francisco still needs your cash donations. Make checks payable to American Red Cross Earthquake Relief, and mail them to 1550 Sutter St., Third Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109.

The Red Cross also needs volunteers to do clerical and computer work, serve food, assess damage, and provide transportation. Call 776-1500.

☞ The Salvation Army welcomes donations of money, clothing, and food (especially baby food). Make checks payable to the Salvation Army San Francisco Earthquake, Salvation Army, P.O. Box 193465, San Francisco, CA 94119. Food can be dropped off at 850 Harrison St. between 4th and 5th streets.

The nearest local Salvation Army drop-off center is at 1500 Valencia (at Army). Items needed include disposable diapers, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, paper goods, flashlights, sleeping bags, and tents. Donations can be made Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and should be tagged "Earthquake."

The Salvation Army says there has been a tremendous outpouring of volunteers in the past two weeks, but there may be more needed from day to day. For



On Oct. 18, Bell Market was mobbed by shoppers, some of whom had been forced to stay home from work because their places of business were still without power. They bought up batteries, bottled water, and canned goods. PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARO

more information on volunteering or donations, call 553-3500.

☞ The San Francisco Department of Public Health has set up an Earthquake Stress Line to counsel earthquake survivors over the telephone. The agency needs volunteers with crisis line experience. Call 752-4866.

☞ Project Open Hand, which delivers meals to home-bound AIDS patients, is also serving food to earthquake victims. The organization is currently inundated with food, but still needs cash donations. Checks should be mailed to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

Open Hand also needs volunteers to help in the kitchen and especially those folks "with muscle" to load and unload food in and out of warehouses. Call 558-0600.

☞ If you have extra space in your

house or apartment, Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco (JFCS) has organized a computerized message center to match up people who want to share their homes with displaced earthquake victims. Call 567-8860.

JFCS also needs monetary donations for its Earthquake Emergency Fund. Checks (please mark them "Earthquake") can be mailed to 1600 Scott St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

☞ The Noe Valley Ministry is aiding refugee quake victims who are afraid of asking for governmental help for fear they will be deported. Items most desperately needed in the Santa Cruz-Watsonville area are baby food and formula, disposable diapers, and camping supplies. Drop off donations at the Ministry at 1021 Sanchez St. (at 23rd), Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Ministry is also offering meeting space for organizations whose regular

facilities were damaged or destroyed in the earthquake. Call 282-2317 for details.

☞ Most Holy Redeemer Church in the Castro is collecting donated goods to give to the Salvation Army. They need clothing, blankets, cooking utensils, and equipment, especially flashlights and batteries. They will be sent to quake victims in the hard-hit areas of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. Donations can be dropped off at the church at 100 Diamond St.

☞ St. James Catholic Church is receiving canned goods and cash donations at the rectory at 1086 Guerrero St.

☞ The Archdiocese of San Francisco, representing all Catholic churches in the area, is collecting funds to repair churches and schools, as well as to provide clothing and food for earthquake victims. Make checks payable to the Archdiocese of San Francisco, 445 Church St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Please earmark your checks "Earthquake." □

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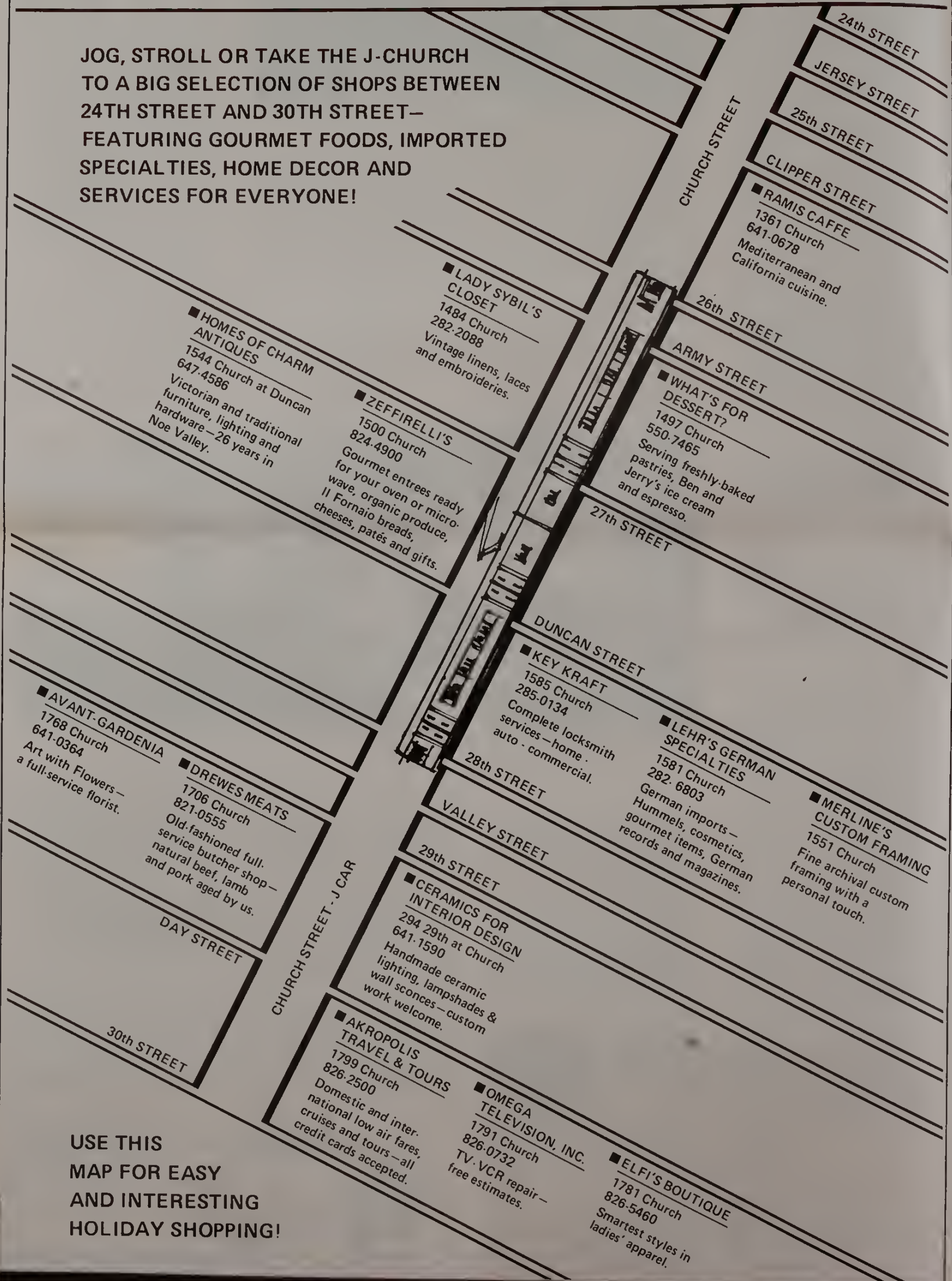
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Guerrero Street Residence for Homeless Facing Uphill Battle

By Addie Lanier

It is a beautiful Sunday afternoon. There's a knock at the door, you answer it, and a pleasant, well-dressed woman informs you that Catholic Charities wants to open a facility to house homeless youth in your neighborhood. She would like to know your feelings about having this program just down the street, or maybe a few blocks away. What would your response be?

For Hilda Bernstein and John Barbey, co-presidents of the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, the answer is an emphatic "No way!"

The association is leading the opposition to just such a proposed project at 899 Guerrero St., scheduled to open in January 1990. The three-story brick building at the corner of Guerrero and 21st streets will provide transitional housing (from six months to two years) for 15 to 20 homeless men and women, ages 18 to 21.

"We currently run a shelter for homeless children [17 or younger] in the city," explains Susan Wilder, director of services for homeless youth at Catholic Charities.

"These kids are homeless because they were abused or neglected by their parents, or had parents who could not care for them, or because they were throw-aways—nobody wanted them. We can no longer care for them once they turn 18, and yet they are expected to be able to fend for themselves in an adult system that is often frightening and inaccessible to them."

The project, funded by Catholic Charities, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development, the Department of Social Services, and HUD, is a model program that was developed to address the specific needs of this age group. Nine professional staff and volunteers, under supervision of the Homeless Youth Division of Catholic Charities, will provide 24-hour-a-day educational, vocational, and counseling services to the home's residents.

Participants in the program—who Wilder says will primarily be 18-year-olds—must have experienced homelessness as minors. They also should be motivated to take advantage of the services offered. Those who have a history of violence, mental illness, substance abuse, or criminal activity will not be accepted.

To the dismay of some nearby residents, the only hearing required by the City of San Francisco for the project relates to parking. The site has only two of the six off-street parking spaces mandated by the Planning Department, so Catholic Charities has asked for a variance. When a hearing was held on Sept. 27, the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association turned in 163 signatures opposing the request. Bernstein estimates that these signatures represent 85 percent of the immediate neighborhood. Wilder, on the other hand, disputes this figure, and claims that at least half of the local resi-



Catholic Charities plans to convert this building at 899 Guerrero St. to a residence for homeless youth. But some members of the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association are set against it. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

dents support the project.

Although Liberty Hill is hoping to stop or at least delay the project via the parking route, the organization's members admit that parking is really not their main concern. The bigger issue, they contend, is whether residents and merchants should have a say when a social service agency decides to open a facility in their neighborhood.

From the city's perspective, however, most social programs wouldn't stand a chance in neighborhoods where residents had veto power. Robert Prentice, the mayor's coordinator of homeless programs, is of the opinion that "left to their own devices, every neighborhood in the city would block these programs."

Supporters of the project (including the Friends of Noe Valley) claim the opposition is suffering from the "not in my back yard" or NIMBY syndrome.

According to Wilder, "Everyone seems to be concerned about the growing number of homeless. But when a project such as 899 Guerrero is a possibility, they don't want it in their community."

To the charge of NIMBYism, Bernstein replies, "If I lived in Noe Valley, I'd support the project too. And if I lived in Cow Hollow, I might even make a contribution to it or be a volunteer. But we are not NIMBYs. We are IEBYs: in everybody's back yard. And our back yard is full!"

Barbey and Bernstein point out that the five-block area surrounding 21st and Guerrero streets already has 10 "human service" facilities, including Chateau Agape (a residential facility for the mentally ill), the Missionaries of Charity Home for Unwed Mothers, Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Salvation Army.

They would like to see city agencies adhere to the guidelines expressed by Mayor Art Agnos in his pre-election hooklet *Getting Things Done*. "Those neighborhoods that have been traditionally ignored and overlooked must be given equal treatment with the most af-

fluent areas," wrote Agnos. "They should not be second-class colonies where everything others don't want ends up—from porno shops to sewage treatment plants."

At a Sept. 12 public meeting held at Immaculate Conception Academy on 24th and Dolores, little information could be presented by supporters of the project due to frequent interruptions by opponents, say those who attended the meeting. Because of the evident hostility, Catholic Charities held a second meeting on Sept. 20 at Horace Mann School, attended by representatives from the mayor's office and HUD. But once again the two sides clashed, and no agreement was reached.

"Neither the need for such a program nor Catholic Charities' expertise are at the heart of our concern. Our concern has to do with neighborhood," Bernstein declares. "With the addition of another facility, our neighborhood is threatened with destabilization."

"They go into the so-called poor, undereducated, not terribly articulate neighborhoods, and they use them as toilet bowls. They drop their bundle there, and then they just keep going," she adds.

Bernstein further notes that current sites earmarked for homeless programs are only in three neighborhoods—the Mission, the Tenderloin, and South of Market.

But Wilder offers another viewpoint on why these communities are being selected: "Part of the reason these services are in a neighborhood such as the Mission is that they are utilized by the people who live there."

For representatives from Friends of Noe Valley who attended the first meeting on Sept. 12, the proceedings were

painfully reminiscent of hearings held in 1971 concerning plans to open a state-funded mental health center in Noe Valley. That project was blocked by residents and merchants who feared that a mental health center would bring "undesirables" into the area. The loss of the project became one of the catalysts for founding the Friends of Noe Valley.

Jacques Bertrand, president of Friends, explains, "It's very hard to make things happen that are positive. Most people don't want to take the chance."

One positive outgrowth of Liberty Hill's protest is that the city is now developing a map to identify facilities that service needy populations. Prentice, as coordinator of homeless programs, sees merit in the argument for neighborhood parity. "The distribution of these facilities can be made fairer," he admits.

The Planning Department has 60 days to rule on the Guerrero Street project's parking variance. Its decision can then be contested at the Board of Permit Appeals, and Bernstein says opponents will appeal if the decision goes against them. Nevertheless, Catholic Charities is optimistic about the January 1990 opening date.

"Every day more and more kids who could really benefit from this type of program are being left to fend for themselves," Wilder says.

"Catholic Charities has committed on paper and publicly to what we're going to be doing. We have a stellar reputation for how we run residential programs. These kids will not be dangerous to the neighborhood. I'm glad that so many people are concerned about the homeless, but at some point we've got to stop being concerned and do something to help these kids." □

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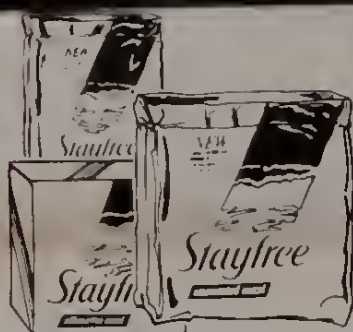
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Top of the Props Know Your P, V, B, Q, R, S, D and W's

By Steve Steinberg

Another election is upon us this month, and even though the city is pre-occupied with cleaning up after the earthquake, the voters will still have to decide on a staggering number of local measures.

Only two offices are at stake this election, and both of the incumbents—Louise Renne, city attorney, and Mary Callanan, city treasurer—are running unopposed. But the list of propositions makes use of almost the entire alphabet, running from A to W, with the exception of the withdrawn Proposition T.

To help Noe Valley voters make their way through the maze, the *Voice* has briefly summarized some of the more significant of the 22 propositions scheduled for the Nov. 7 ballot.

The Battle by the Bay

Probably the most controversial measure this election is Proposition P, which would authorize funding for a new baseball stadium in China Basin.

Supporters maintain that a new ball park is the only way the city can hold onto the San Francisco Giants, who have said they will leave San Francisco if the measure fails. Mayor Art Agnos, a strong hacker of a downtown stadium, placed the proposition on the ballot.

According to Dan Dillon, a spokesperson for the Yes on P Committee, if the measure passes, San Francisco can have a "world-class facility" in return for a relatively small investment, largely financed by the city's hotel tax fund. The city can also share in a large part of the profits derived from the Giants, who were National League champions this season.

Opponents of the stadium fear the project will cost millions of dollars more than preliminary estimates—which have been put at \$40 million by the city controller's office. They say the money will have to come from the general fund and bond sales as well as from the hotel tax fund. In addition, opponents charge, even more money will be needed for toxic clean-up of the site.

A new stadium in China Basin will also cause traffic woes, say critics. Jim Firth of San Franciscans for Planning Priorities, which opposes the plan, says the ball park would "tie up the downtown corridor for three to five hours" on game days.

Dillon has countered that charge, noting that new and improved public transit and parking in the ball park area would negate any potential traffic hang-ups.

As for a new concern—that the city can no longer afford a stadium because money needs to be directed to earthquake relief efforts—the Yes on P campaign wants voters to know that the city doesn't have to start paying its bill on the ball park until *after* the building construction is completed. That's projected for 1995.



Parents Greg and Ann Gifford celebrated daughter Mackenzie's first birthday last month with a benefit party at What's for Dessert, hosted by owner Mervyn Mark (left). Proceeds went to Children's Hospital at Stanford. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

Baby Mackenzie Has Her Cake and Raises Money Too

Every morning 1-year-old Mackenzie Gifford and her mother, Ann, stop in for muffins at What's for Dessert, the Noe Valley bakery at Church and 27th streets. A very mundane occurrence, you might say, except for the fact that little Mackenzie was born with pneumonia and given a less than one-in-ten chance of surviving.

What saved her was the latest in heart-lung technology, provided by Stanford University Hospital. Mackenzie's struggle to live was chronicled in the television documentary "Children of Courage," which aired last June on KRON-TV (Channel 4).

Last month Mervyn Mark, owner of What's for Dessert—along with other friends and neighbors of Church Street residents Greg and Ann Gifford—decided that the toddler deserved a special first birthday party.

"I watched Ann go through her pregnancy," says Mark, "and everything that followed. Now I see Mackenzie every day, and she brings so much joy to my life. If it hadn't been for Stanford, she wouldn't be here."

So on Saturday, Oct. 21, Mackenzie heard "Happy Birthday" sung at a special fundraising celebration at What's for Dessert. The cafe served pastries and coffee along with birthday cake to a crowd Mark estimated at 300.

"They filled the cafe," said Mark. Ben and Jerry's contributed four tubs of ice cream, and neighborhood businesses donated \$1,400 in door prizes.

The party also featured several showings of the 30-minute TV program, which was narrated by Channel 4's Emerald Yeh and produced by independent filmmaker Vickie Bennett. Mark said the crowd was so huge, one group at a time had to be taken over to the Mission Baptist Church on Church Street to screen the documentary.

Mark called the party a "tremendous success," saying it raised \$4,500, money that will go toward a new \$60 million wing at Stanford's Children's Hospital. The hospital serves as a regional referral center for children suffering from life-threatening or crippling diseases.

What really made the party worthwhile, however, was the sight of little Mackenzie smiling and singing. Mark said, "She was really with the party. Everybody had a wonderful time."

Those who may have missed the party but who would still like to contribute to Children's Hospital can mail or drop off a check at What's for Dessert, 1497 Church St., San Francisco, CA 94131. Checks should be made payable to Children's Hospital at Stanford. Contributions are tax-deductible. □

Prop. V Says Fix Candlestick

Proposition V is a kind of corollary to Prop. P. Its supporters contend that the way to solve the baseball stadium mess is to improve Candlestick Park.

"If the 49ers are now happy [with Candlestick], we should find out why the Giants are not and negotiate changes," says Joel Ventresca of San Franciscans to Improve Candlestick, sponsors of the

measure.

Prop. V is a policy statement that would make it the city's business to explore proposals to improve Candlestick at private expense rather than building a new ball park somewhere else. Ventresca says many improvements have been made to the stadium in recent years to the satisfaction of the 49ers football team, which had complained bitterly about conditions

in the past.

Prop. V, says Ventresca, is a "positive alternative to the fiscal hoondoggle" of a new stadium.

Half a Cent Sales Tax Hike

Everything we buy (except food) would cost a little more if Proposition B passes. The measure would raise the sales tax in San Francisco by half a percent, from 6.5 to 7 cents on the dollar. The extra money in the city's coffers would be used to fund various transportation projects, such as mass transit, street repair, traffic safety, and van service for the elderly and disabled.

Supporters of the measure call it a "comprehensive solution" to San Francisco's transportation problems, and say that without passage the city will lose millions of dollars in state funding to other Bay Area counties that have already implemented similar plans.

Critics of Prop. B argue that the measure should be defeated because it mainly benefits such special interest projects as Mission Bay and its developers, the Olympia and York company and the Santa Fe-Southern Pacific Railroad. Mission Bay is an area of Southern Pacific's railroad yard that has been scheduled for development.

Terrence Faulkner, who heads the No on Prop. B Committee, calls for the imposition of special assessments on projects like Mission Bay to pay for the cost of increased Muni services necessitated by its development.

Anti-Rent Control Measure

Billing itself as an "alternative to vacancy control," Proposition Q is one of two measures put forth this election by San Francisco's real estate lobby.

According to its supporters, the measure would cancel the need for rent control on vacant apartments by creating a pool of money earmarked for direct housing assistance. That assistance would take the form of rent subsidies for low- and moderate-income tenants, financial aid for first-time home buyers with low and moderate incomes, temporary housing for the homeless, and the rehabilitation of substandard housing.

The money for these programs would come from an increase in the tax paid on residential rental income, with certain exceptions. Supporters say the measure is a more effective means of creating affordable housing than vacancy control because help goes directly to those who are most in need of housing assistance.

Critics of the measure, including Mayor Agnos and most tenant groups, say the proposal is a "brand new tax" that would be passed on to tenants under provisions of the city's existing rent control law.

They say the measure would not do away with the need for vacancy control as a means of stabilizing rents and keeping housing in the city affordable.

Because it is a tax, the proposed law would have to pass by a two-thirds vote.

Pro-Condo Conversions

The companion measure to Prop. Q is Prop. R, which creates additional incentives for condominium conversions.

Current law allows 200 conversions a year and says that 40 percent of tenants in a building must express intent to buy

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their units before conversion can occur. Important safeguards protect those tenants, particularly seniors and disabled people, who do not wish or cannot afford to buy.

The proposed law would permit conversions in buildings where 51 percent of the tenants approve of the change, but don't necessarily plan to buy. Also, an additional 500 units a year would be eligible for conversion, bringing to 700 the total number of conversions allowed each year. After 1993 there would be no ceiling on the number of conversions per year.

Currently, only buildings with six or fewer units are eligible for conversion, but under Proposition R any building could be converted.

Barbara Herzig, a spokesperson for the measure, called Prop. R "less restrictive and a fair compromise" with present law. She said under the proposal tenants and landlords would "work in concert" in the conversion process.

Supporters of the measure also say that it would allow people of moderate means to buy a home in a housing market where they would otherwise be excluded.

Prop. R's critics, including Mayor Agnos and the Board of Supervisors, say it would create home ownership for a lucky few at the expense of thousands of renters. In their view, the measure would encourage tenant evictions and sharply reduce the number of vacant rental units, already scarce in San Francisco.

Domestic Partners Law

Supporters of Proposition S, which seeks voter approval for a city ordinance that allows unmarried couples to formally register as "domestic partners," say the law is limited in its scope and was designed mainly to give legal recognition to longstanding relationships in the gay community. The chief benefits provided by such recognition would be hospital visitation rights for partners and funeral leave for city workers who are members of such relationships.

The proposal was originally passed by the mayor and Board of Supervisors, but opponents of the measure, primarily religious groups, gathered enough signatures for a referendum.

Opposing campaign rhetoric has taken on an anti-gay tone, with critics calling the measure and what it represents "illogical, unjust, and legally reprehensible," and with "no future for society."

Supervisors Ask for Pay Hike

Everybody wants a raise in salary, and San Francisco's supervisors are no exception. The Board of Supervisors voted 6 to 4 to put Proposition D on the ballot, which would give them a 70 percent pay raise, from nearly \$24,000 a year to over \$41,000.

Under provisions of the measure, supervisors would also receive future pay hikes based on the average salary paid to other Bay Area supervisors. The raises would be subject to voter approval.

The supes say they need the additional money because their so-called "part-time" jobs have become full-time occupations in reality. The demands of the office, say the supervisors, permit few of them to work in other forms of employment.

Opponents of the measure call the supervisors' request for a raise "greedy and dishonest." They say that all the perquisites the supervisors now receive—such as free parking, full-time paid staff, and

special interest contributions—along with their present salaries more than compensates for their labors.

Absentee Voting for Everyone

Voters in future municipal elections could all stay at home and vote by mail if Proposition W is approved. The measure would ask the city to determine the feasibility of election by mail before each city election for mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

Proponents of Prop. W say that voting by mail would ensure a higher turnout for elections at a lower cost to the city. Pebbles Trippet of Grassroots, the political group that sponsored the measure, says elections by mail "increase voter choice and democracy in general." She also believes that voting by mail would encourage more poor people to vote.

Opponents argue that elections by mail increase the likelihood of fraud, a charge refuted by Trippet, who says today's sophisticated computers largely rule out that possibility.

Opponents also say that voter convenience and decreased costs should not become "the standard for judging democratic elections."

Prop. T Disqualified

Conspicuously absent from the November ballot is Proposition T, a charter amendment that would have limited members of the Board of Supervisors to two terms. The measure was removed from the ballot after city officials determined that it lacked the number of signatures necessary to qualify under a new state law. (The Registrar of Voters had originally approved the initiative last August, but that was before it became aware of the new signature requirements.)

Rich Bodisco, co-chair of the committee behind the measure, said the disqualification had "political overtones" and that the new signature requirement was "deliberately" kept hidden by city officials who feared the effect Prop. T might have on local politics.

Currently, the 11 at-large members of the Board of Supervisors can serve as many times as they can be elected. According to Bodisco, access to unlimited re-election makes supervisors "puppets" of the money interests that contribute to their re-election campaigns. Bodisco said that a two-term limit would deny supervisors long-term financial backers, forcing them to run for election on their own merits.

Besides accusing city officials of corruption in the Prop. T disqualification, Bodisco also cited Voter Registrar Germaine Wong for "dereliction of duty," saying she should have known about the increase in signatures required by law.

Wong admitted that her office had "made a mistake" in not being aware of the changes in state law, but said she had "no knowledge" of any deliberate attempt to keep Proposition T off the ballot. She also said the measure would be given credit for the signatures supporters had already collected.

Backers are currently gathering the additional 11,000 needed to qualify for the June 1990 ballot.

Yes, There's More Homework

Well, it's time to open your election guide and study the rest of the issues. And don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For the address of your local polling place or for more information, call the Registrar of Voters at 554-4375. □

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Toys Galore Back for More

By Laura Holland

Just after sunset on Halloween night, little Batmen, Care Bears, and Ninja turtles received dolls, badminton sets, and other toys instead of candy at the grand re-opening of Tomasoni Novelty and Variety, a tiny toy heaven at 435 29th St.

Adults escorted their charges past a bright neon "TOYS" sign and into a magical world of vintage playthings, featuring a penny-operated football game from the 1930s, a Tonka fire engine from the '50s, and old friction cars in their original wrappers. One gem, a 30-year-old model airplane, was discovered behind a shelf by the store's new owner, Joe Bruno, when he began remodeling in May.

Bruno inherited the shop from his uncle, Frank Tomasoni, who died April 12 of lung cancer. The 80-year-old former prize fighter, nicknamed "Boston Blackie," had operated the toy store, then called Toys Galore, in the garage in front of his house for 41 years.

Bruno decided that re-opening the shop would be a fitting tribute to his uncle, a well-loved neighborhood character who

delighted in bringing joy to children.

During renovation of the house and garage this summer, Bruno discovered "there were termites and dry rot, and the place was completely cluttered," he said. "My best friend, John Dianos, worked for free helping me empty everything and get the whole structure rebuilt from underneath. The place was built in 1881, so it needed it," he added.

The store now sports new fixtures and shelves, a fresh coat of paint, and a shiny black-and-white checkerboard linoleum floor. But the inventory is pure Tomasoni.

"We won't have any more salami, eggs, or cigarettes [Tomasoni used to run a catering business too], but we will have toys and all the sports items like jackets, buttons, hats, pins, and baseball cards," says Bruno. "Whatever the kids want is what I'll stock, so I'm looking forward to getting feedback from the kids in the neighborhood."

"We'll also still have the hazaar wheels that churches use for their festivals. I've gotten a lot of calls for them already," he added.

Since Bruno holds a fulltime job at



The tiny toy store in the garage at 435 29th St., closed since the death of its owner last April, was spiffed up last month for a grand reopening on Halloween. PHOTO BY ED BURN

Pacific Bell, however, he'll only be able to open the store on weekends from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on occasional week nights and holidays. The store's telephone number, 648-0425, is being forwarded to Bruno's house so people can reach him outside of store hours.

Bruno already has someone lined up

to play Santa Claus at the store this Christmas, and he plans to do gift wrapping for Christmas parties like his uncle used to do.

"I think Frank would like what I'm doing even though he'd kill me for all the money I've spent," mused Bruno. "I just wish he were here to see it." □

24th Street Music Festival Benefits Seniors

By Jeff Kaliss

Roy Derrick is the epitome of what country and western's Bellamy Brothers celebrate in song as an "Old Hippy," and his pet project is the annual Noe Valley Music Festival, returning for the fourth year this month.

"It's all peace/love," intones Derrick. "And you got to spread it around."

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Derrick is spreading live music around four neighborhood bars: Noe's Bar, the First Inning Lounge, the Cork 'n' Bottle, and the Rat

and Raven, all on 24th Street between Church and Castro.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Noe Valley Senior Center, located in the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. "They have run out of money to feed themselves at lunchtime," Derrick says, "and somehow or other we just walked right in and said, 'Do you need cash?'"

In past years, the festival has benefited the Centro Latino Senior Citizens Center, Jamestown Community Center, and the San Francisco Child Abuse Council. But Derrick points out that the sponsoring organization, the Endangered Species Alliance, began staging benefits in Golden Gate Park in the sixties.

"They handed it down to me in the seventies when everybody else got fed up with it, when people like Stewart Brand and Peter Berg went on to their environmental bull----," Derrick notes. "But the

'endangered species' is us, the human race."

Last year's festival grossed about \$1,900 and cleared \$1,248, all of which was disbursed. Since Derrick and his colleagues start from scratch each year, they were glad to get up-front funding from Tom Duarte, a Noe Valley resident and administrator of a convalescent home, and from several bar owners, including Noe's Wayne Basso. Derrick says he's looking for additional sponsors. (Call 826-1103.)

The performing artists, most of them neighborhood-based, donate their time and equipment. This year's slate includes the Mark Herzog Blues Band, Jimmy & the Weasels, Local Resistance, Nice Try, the Palm Garden Band, the Ron Price

Band, the Zamora Band, and Berkeley's Primitive Barbecue.

"I'm also working on Bandido, a new Santana-type band," says Derrick, "and on a new garage band out of 24th Street called the Amigo Brothers."

Coordinating the action, which runs from 1 to 7 p.m., is a staff of about two dozen volunteers. "We ask two dollars at the door at each bar, or five dollars for an all-day pass," says Derrick. "But if someone just walks into a bar, we can't stop 'em."

Derrick, in the tradition of the flower children, is determined that the festival will engender good vibes as much as good sounds. "It's like a lotus blossom," he believes. "You do it with a little seed, and it just grows." □

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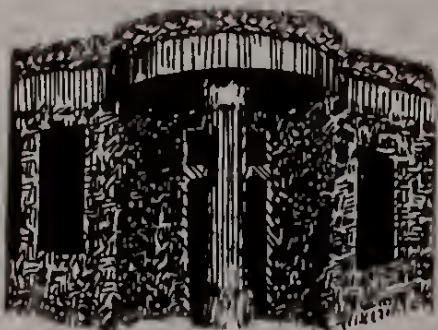
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The Nguyens Find Valley Tailor-Made

By Addie Lanier

When Han and Michelle Nguyen (pronounced "Whinn") married in 1987, they had already decided to open a tailoring and alteration business in San Francisco. The problem was finding the right location. They were considering the downtown and Union Street areas, but then Noe Valley entered the picture when the storefront at 1354 Castro St. became available last spring.

Han spent a month investigating the neighborhood. But it was a comment from a friend who lived in Noe Valley that eventually convinced him to set up shop here.

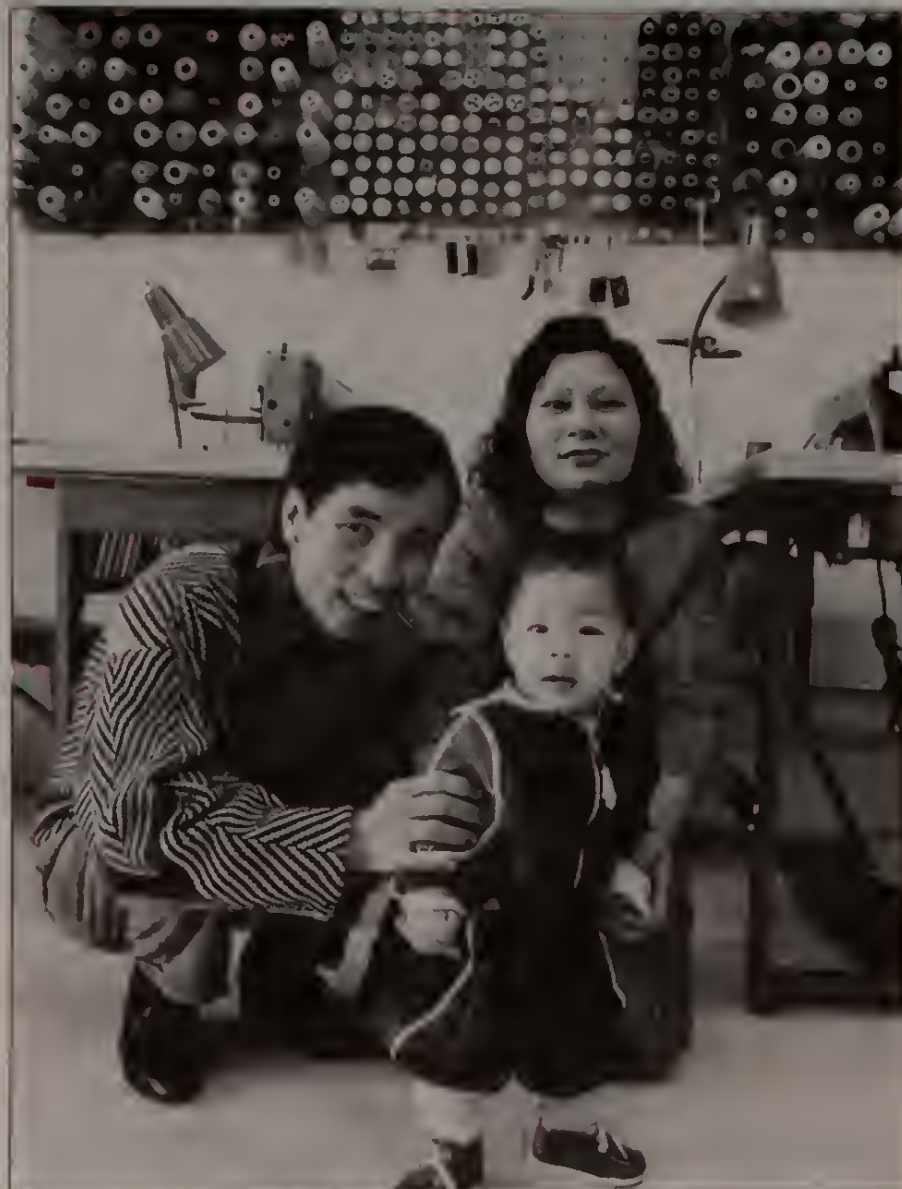
"My friend told me that all the people in Noe Valley are very good," says Han, a slender man with a generous smile and heavy accent. "Also, it seemed the people in this area need a tailor."

Michelle's Tailor opened at the corner of Castro and Jersey streets on July 1. Since then, Noe Valley's residents have more than fulfilled the Nguyens' expectations.

"Business is very good," Han says. "We put in from 9 o'clock to 7 o'clock Monday to Saturday. But sometimes I have to stay until 8 o'clock, Sundays and holidays too!"

Han and Michelle are Vietnamese expatriates who grew up in the same neighborhood in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly called Saigon, Han is quick to point out). Michelle's father was a tailor. She followed in his footsteps and was trained professionally at a sewing school in South Vietnam. Her facility with two-inch straight pins is terrifying proof of her skill.

Han, who is 10 years older than Michelle, worked for his brother, also a



Michelle's Tailor, at 1354 Castro St., has given Han and Michelle Nguyen and daughter Michelle Anne a place of business far from the strife of their native Vietnam.

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tailor, before beginning his mandatory service in the South Vietnamese Army at the age of 20. By 1975, when the Communist regime took over the country, Han was a lieutenant. "All officers of the South Vietnamese Army were sent to camps for re-education," he notes.

Han spent six years in such a camp, doing manual labor—mostly farm work—and attending long political indoctrination sessions. "They tried to, you know, change our brains."

When he was released from the camp at the age of 31, there was nowhere for

him to work as a tailor, so he took up farming.

In 1980, while Han was still interned, his brother came to the United States and opened a tailoring business in San Jose. This brother was able to sponsor Han's application to come to the U.S. in 1985. (Two years earlier, Michelle's family, residing in Houston, Tex., sponsored her.)

Han and Michelle (whose families were acquainted in Ho Chi Minh) reestablished contact when Han came to San Jose. Michelle was in Houston, but they carried on a long-distance relationship, by phone and letter, until they were married in Houston two years ago. They then moved to San Francisco, where they worked for other tailors and ran a shop in the Sunset before opening their present Noe Valley business.

With most of their families now in the U.S., the Nguyens are planning a long stay. They have little desire to return to Vietnam and life under the current regime, and this year they started a family of their own.

A great deal of the charm of Michelle's Tailor is provided by their petite 6-month-old daughter, Michelle Anne, who can be found bouncing and scooting across the floor in a pink baby walker while her parents consult with customers. Michelle contributes to the genuine family feeling by spending the day greeting customers and "helping out" at the shop.

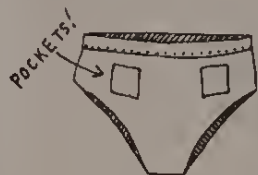
If you can't find time to stitch up that seam or if you have a body that just doesn't conform to ready-made clothing, give Michelle's a call at 695-1230. Custom alterations and repairs range from \$5 to \$8 for hems, \$7 to change a pants zipper, and from \$10 to \$15 to shorten the sleeves in a jacket.

And as a bonus, the Nguyens will be more than happy to give you the low-down on good Vietnamese restaurants. Try the Golden Turtle, which is "very expensive, but very de-li-cious," says Han, savoring the memory of a past meal. "And Golden House at Golden Gate and Hyde. It's cheaper, and still very good." □

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Books for Homeless Kids

To help celebrate the Year of the Young Reader and Children's Book Week, Cover to Cover bookstore in Noe Valley will join in a special drive for needy and homeless children this month.

For every book purchased as a donation from the store, Cover to Cover will give a matching book to a needy child. The drive will take place during Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19.

The drive has additional significance in light of the fact that the Library of Congress has declared 1989 to be the Year of the Young Reader, part of a nationwide campaign to promote the joy and importance of reading among children.

For more information, stop by Cover to Cover at 3910 24th St. or call the store at 456-0515.

Nighttime AIDS Support

"In the face of continual budget cuts for mental health services, HIV-positive people in San Francisco have fewer places to turn to for emotional support," says Eve Meyer, the executive director of San Francisco Suicide Prevention (SFSP).

In an attempt to fill this gap, SFSP has established an AIDS/HIV Nightline (668-AIDS), staffed by trained volunteers, that will be in operation from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. By early 1990, the organization expects to extend its hours until 9 a.m.

According to Nightline director Doug Conaway, no AIDS/HIV hotline services in San Francisco currently operate at night, when emotional concerns about HIV infections are most likely to surface. In addition, some illnesses associated with HIV, and some medications, cause irregular sleep patterns and contribute

to the probability of long, frightening, lonely nights.

"Whether our callers are thinking about suicide or simply need someone to talk to, we're there for them," says Conaway.

Volunteers, who work an average of four hours per week responding to calls, are now being sought for the next Nightline training class beginning Nov. 3. Call Conaway at 752-4866 if you're a night owl who'd like to sign on.

The Art of Glass Making

Glassmaker Shaun Weisbach invites the public to share his enthusiasm for hand-blown glass during his open studio glass-blowing demonstrations to be held from Thursday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weisbach, who has received national recognition for his sushi dishes and multi-colored glasses and plates, will also give tours of his studio, located at 2377 San Jose Ave.

Demonstrations will cover the firing process (which takes place in a 2,000-degree furnace) and the shaping of the hot molten glass, all the way through to the completion of a piece. Holiday gift items, including "seconds" (slightly flawed pieces), will also be for sale. For more information call 585-5652.

Alzheimer's Open House

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Month, and the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center at 30th Street Senior Services, 225 30th St., will sponsor an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The resource center is one of 16 such centers designated by the state of California as a clearinghouse for information on

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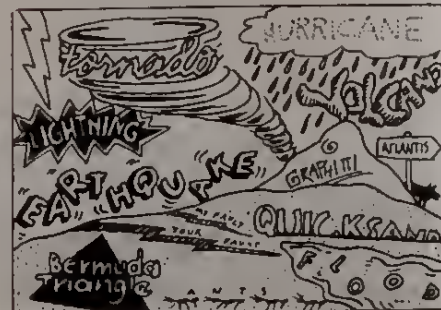
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Alzheimer's and related disorders. It offers books, tapes, and videos, in English and Spanish, that provide both practical and inspirational information about caring for people with Alzheimer's disease.

Visitors to the open house will be able to see the library, as well as learn about the special activity program for Alzheimer's patients—a program that gives valuable respite to caregiver families.

To find out more about the open house or about the free six-week volunteer training (offered in both English and Spanish), call 550-2230 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Friends Going Strong

Friends of Noe Valley celebrated its 19th anniversary Sept. 24 at a special "Founders' Barbecue Bash" out on the Noe Valley Library deck (built in 1976 by the Friends). On display were snapshots of past FNV events, as well as posters, flyers, and some of the earliest FNV newsletters.

Around 60 people attended the gala, which many declared the best party ever, abounding in good cheer, music, delicious food, perfect weather, and true intergenerational participation.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of a balloon-festooned banner, reading "Una Grande Amiga Del Noe Valle," to one of the Friends' primary founders, Claire Pilcher. Pilcher, according to the last FNV newsletter, "started it all in 1971, and worked tirelessly (while raising a child and going to law school) to keep this a livable neighborhood for everyone."

New officers were also elected at the meeting. Jacques Bertrand stepped in as president, Bill Kuhns as vice president, and Maria Kleczewska as secretary, with Barbara Holman continuing as treasurer.

Committee chairs were also chosen, and all of last year's leaders retained their posts: Planning (John Stalp), Community

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Shaun Weisbach shapes molten glass into objects of beauty and utility at his San Jose Avenue studio, which will be open to the public Nov. 30 to Dec. 3.

Relations (Adrienne Hubbell), Membership and Tee Shirts (Miriam Blaustein), Newsletter (Janet Jacobs), Transportation (Bob Calwell), and Library (Sally Brunn).

According to Miriam Blaustein, this year's celebration marked the Friends' coming of age. The neighborhood group is "sharper, smarter, and more sage" than ever, she said. If you'd like to become involved with the Friends of Noe Valley, give them a call at 285-3532.

Observe Your Child

Many parents don't know that the San Francisco Community College District offers a parent education program that includes "child observation classes,"

where parents can bring their preschool children, age 15 months to 3 years, and just hang out—meeting new friends, sharing ideas, and learning more about child-rearing.

The child observation class in Noe Valley is held every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. The class is conducted by credentialed teacher Effie Kuriloff, who helps parents learn effective ways of coping with such preschool propensities as hitting, jealousy, and tantrums. It's the perfect place, she says, to bring your questions and your solutions, which will be discussed in a safe, supportive, and educational environment.

The class is held in a nursery school setting, and children have access to both

indoor and outdoor activities. Call 552-2929 (9 a.m. to noon) or 863-5755 for details.

You Must Be Psychic

If your psychic powers haven't already alerted you to the fact that there are "psychic reading fairs" flourishing on the last Saturday of every month at the Noe Valley Ministry, then here's the scoop.

Psychic Horizons, an organization located at 2240 Geary Blvd., offers low-cost mini-readings to anyone who drops in at 1021 Sanchez St. between 2 and 4 p.m. You can ask questions about your job, your relationships, your spiritual path, or anything else that concerns you. And a free "energy healing" is also part of the package.

The next reading fair will be Nov. 28. For more information call 346-7906.

Women Walking

Options for Women Over Forty, a support and resource service for midlife women, will be co-sponsoring with the Zivic Group the first annual women and girls' run/walk "Exercise Your Options" on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The run/walk is five kilometers, or 3.1 miles, along a flat, scenic course in Golden Gate Park, beginning at the Conservatory of Flowers, 8:30 a.m. All proceeds from race pledges will go to keep the Options center open.

Says Susan Stone, executive director of Options, "Our goal is to raise \$4,000, and there will be wonderful prizes for those people raising the most money."

Each participant will receive a commemorative tee shirt, and entertainment, refreshments, and an awards ceremony will follow the race. Registration for the event is \$15 on the day of the race. Call 431-6944 for further information.

This month's Short Takes were compiled by Jane Underwood, with help from Steve Steinberg.

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Thanksgiving Recipes from Noe's Kitchens

By Addie Lanier

With the holiday season fast approaching, the *Voice* thought our readers might be interested in some advice on how to cook a turkey. We've also included a few special Thanksgiving recipes, prized by local restaurants and residents.



Dave McCarroll, owner of Drewes Market at 1706 Church St., offers his guidance on cooking the perfect turkey. The butcher shop will also be selling a pre-mixed stuffing (see recipe below) for the cook who is under time constraints. McCarroll says it's a good idea to place an order for the stuffing ahead of time, since Drewes makes it fresh and generally only has about 100 pounds extra.

The Perfect Turkey

"A turkey from 10 to 24 pounds requires 13 minutes per pound at 325 degrees; turkeys 24 pounds and over require 15 minutes a pound at 325 degrees," McCarroll says. That translates to about six hours' roasting time for a 24-pound bird.

Here are McCarroll's instructions: "Take the turkey out of the refrigerator two hours before cooking. Wash it out and season it. I like to rub the bird with a mixture of butter, garlic, salt, rosemary, and a squeeze of lemon. Then leave it at room temperature, and preheat the oven to 325 degrees for 20 minutes. Put the turkey in the oven, and *don't* open the door every 20 to 30 minutes to baste it. Three times total is good enough. It'll come out great on its own."

Drewes Old-Fashioned Stuffing

1 bag stuffing mix (about 20 oz.)
2 stalks celery, chopped
2 onions, chopped
½ clove garlic, minced
1 T. pepper

1½ T. poultry seasoning
1 to 1½ cups chicken broth
1 lb. country sausage
Butter or olive oil to brown vegetables

Brown the country sausage until it's cooked three-quarters of the way through. Brown celery, onions, and garlic in butter or olive oil. In a big bowl, combine stuffing mix, pepper, poultry seasoning, sausage, and onion-celery mixture, and mix real well. Now warm the chicken broth and add a cup or more to the stuffing mixture, depending on how dry or moist you like your stuffing to be. Put the stuffing in the turkey cavity and cook the bird according to the above instructions.



David Jacobson, chef at Diamond Street Restaurant off 24th Street, provides a versatile pumpkin soup that can be adapted for vegetarian feasts and is delicious whether spicy or bland, he says. It also can be made in advance and served chilled. The recipe serves eight.

Pumpkin Rarebit Soup

8 cups cooked pumpkin
(canned Libby's will do nicely if you don't have the time or inclination to cook your own squash)
2 cups chicken stock (or water)
2 12-oz. bottles of dark beer
(Guinness Stout is recommended)
1 T. brown sugar
3 cups chopped yellow onions
1 stick sweet butter (¼ lb.)
¼ cup minced garlic
¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
3 cups sharp cheddar, grated
1 8-oz. can of tomato purée
¼ t. nutmeg
Salt, black pepper (and cayenne pepper for spicier version)

Sauté onions in butter in large skillet slowly until golden. Add stock, beer, garlic, and Worcestershire sauce. Simmer 5 minutes. Add brown sugar and blend in a blender or food processor. Transfer to large soup pot. Add tomato purée and pumpkin. Simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Add cheese and stir until cheese is absorbed. Season to taste with black pepper and/or cayenne pepper, nutmeg, and salt.

Garnish with a dollop of whipped or sour cream and chopped walnuts. Don't use canned whipping cream because it contains sugar, and the cream should be unsweetened.



Kimhall Kenter, a mother at the Noe Valley Nursery School, confirmed that the co-op is again hosting its annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving, at 12 noon at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Everyone from the community is welcome to come and feast. The food is donated by local merchants and cooked and served by the nursery school parents. It has become a traditional gathering of the Noe Valley clan, from seniors to toddlers, old residents and new.

Kenter offers a cranberry pudding that has become a standard at her family's Thanksgiving meal. It has a dense cake-like consistency and can be dressed up with a spoonful of sweetened cream.

New England Cranberry Pudding

½ cup softened butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
2¼ cups flour
¼ t. salt
2½ t. baking powder
¼ cup milk
1½ cups fresh cranberries

½ cup chopped walnuts
1 T. grated orange rind

Butter a two-quart mold. (If the mold doesn't have a lid, cover it with double foil and tie some string criss-crossed around the mold to secure the foil, not too tight.) Heat water in a very large pot, big enough to hold the mold. Cream butter in a bowl and slowly add sugar. Stir in eggs.

Mix flour, salt, and baking powder, and add with milk to the butter mixture, beating well. Add berries, walnuts, orange rind and mix well. Pour into buttered mold and cover. Steam for 2½ hours. Remove and let cool for 10 minutes before unmolding.

Steaming instructions: set a rack (or saucer if you don't have a rack) in a large pot so water can circulate around mold. Have water half the way up sides of mold when boiling. Cover pot and keep water gently boiling, adding more water as necessary.



Lawrence Cunco, who has lived on 22nd Street for 15 years, is a transplant from the Boston area. His family celebrated Thanksgiving with an Italian feast, including homemade ravioli made the night before. Here he offers his grandmother's stuffing recipe (enough to stuff a 10- to 12-pound turkey), which represents a refreshing change from the traditional fare. "You'll enjoy having this as a leftover," he says.

Grandmother's Stuffing

2 lbs. cooked spinach (you can use frozen spinach, but fresh is better)
1 loaf air-dried French bread
2 yellow onions
2 lbs. ground beef (or one pound ground pork and one pound ground beef)

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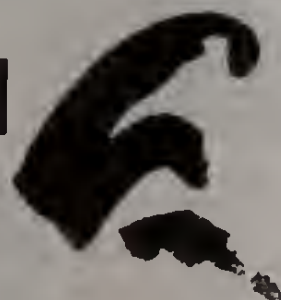
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½ cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
2 to 3 eggs
1 cup chopped mushrooms, cooked
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 T. poultry seasoning (to taste)
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook, drain off all water, and chop spinach. Break up the bread and soak in water until the water is absorbed, then squeeze all water out. Chop the onions and fry in olive oil until soft, and set aside. Cook the beef (or beef and pork) thoroughly and set aside. Sauté the mushrooms in olive oil until soft and drain of excess liquid. Mix cheese, eggs, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Throw everything into a big bowl and mix thoroughly with your hands. Stuff the turkey.



J.P. Gillen and Jim Smith, owners of Little Italy on 24th near Castro, are pleased to share their restaurant's stuffed

artichoke recipe. "It is by far the most popular appetizer we serve," says Gillen. "It's delightful and light—a real treat."

Since at Little Italy the ingredients are measured by buckets and handfuls, Gillen was kind enough to reduce the recipe to personal size. "We figured we should make it for two because the Noe Valley community seems to be two, plus a baby. And the kid's not having any artichokes yet."

Little Italy's Stuffed Artichokes

2 large artichokes, whole
2 lemons

Stuffing

¼ cup Japanese-style bread crumbs

¼ cup Pecorino Romano cheese,
grated fine

¼ t. black pepper

¼ t. dried oregano

2 T. garlic, chopped medium

1 T. parsley, chopped fine

Topping

3 T. prosciutto, fat trimmed and diced in
¼-inch pieces

6 T. extra virgin olive oil

Pecorino Romano cheese to sprinkle
on top

Prepare artichokes by cutting 1 to 1½ inches off the top so you have a large surface area for the stuffing. Remove most of stem, but ensure that the outer

leaves remain attached. Place in a large pot and submerge in water. Squeeze the juice of half a lemon in water, and boil artichokes for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove and rinse in cool water so you can handle them. In the center you will see small pale leaves with purple prickly tips curving inward. Remove these and scrape away the fuzzy "choke" beneath them. Be careful not to cut the heart away or any edible parts.

Combine stuffing ingredients and mix until uniform. Divide the stuffing in equal portions and sprinkle stuffing between leaves of the artichoke, working from the outer leaves to the center in a circular fashion.

Top stuffed artichoke with 1½ tablespoons prosciutto and sprinkle lightly with Romano cheese. Place in baking pan. Drizzle 3 tablespoons olive oil over each, and bake at 450 to 475 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes until tender. Don't worry about the outer leaves browning. It improves their flavor.

Serve with wedges of lemon to be squeezed on top. □

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Lafferty: The Gent of Juri Commons

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neighborhood as the painter of the murals adorning nearby Juri Commons. Juri Commons is the charming park that cuts diagonally through the block from San Jose to Guerrero streets, between 24th and 25th, following the tracks of the old Southern Pacific Railway. When not busy working on one of his many creations, Lafferty can often be found here with his beloved dog Patsy, who enjoys playing on the slides and swings in the playground.

Lafferty also painted a mural on the wall of his courtyard, using as a model an 1833 painting of a lake in the High Sierras that he found in an antique shop. Assorted colored and patterned ceramic tiles, used to adorn his yard's nooks, walls, and alcoves, have come from rummage sales or the dump.

"Way back when—when things were cheap—I would pick up a lot of odds and ends," he explains. A two-shelf planter lined with houseplants is made from a child's brass bed. His cement tree pots were cast from overturned lampshades picked up at the Salvation Army. Among the other decorations in his yard are a shrine with a statue of his namesake, St. Joseph, and an enormous topiary shrub, in the shape of a chicken, painstakingly sculpted over the past 30 years.

Lafferty built his current home from scratch in the back yard of an old farmhouse, starting in 1950. He purchased the property for \$10,000, after having had his eye on it for seven years. "Every time I looked, somebody else had just bought it," he says.

"I planned this place. I knew what I wanted—I even drew up the blueprints."

He also gutted, remodeled, and built extensions to the farmhouse in front, turning it into a four-unit apartment building.

"I even put in the driveway myself. They wanted \$600 to pave a driveway, and I didn't have that much money. So I talked to the driver of a cement truck and found out that sometimes on Friday afternoons they had leftover cement that they couldn't get rid of." Lafferty bought the surplus cement and laid his driveway at a fraction of the normal cost.

For the past four decades, Lafferty's "retirement," if you could call it that, has been packed with a stunning array of hobbies and activities. He's spent his days buying, fixing, and selling old houses; buying and selling commercially at flea markets; tending two verdant gardens of roses and fruit trees; collecting stamps, stones, shells, and Indian artifacts; painting scenic landscapes, and banging on the piano he rebuilt in his basement. He also volunteers once a week at Letterman Army Medical Center in the Presidio, and 10 years ago wrote the story of his life in a self-published, typewritten book, *Life Biography of Joseph Lafferty*.

"I guess I do all this because when I was a kid I worked hard. I didn't have time for hobbies, and wasn't around other kids much," he says.

Abandoned as an infant by his mother, Lafferty was raised in Philadelphia by a stepmother and a brutal alcoholic father who frequently lost his job and moved the family because of unpaid rent. At the age of 10, Joe was put to work on a farm in nearby New Jersey for his room and

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board.

"I was little better than a slave—and they treated me like one," he recalls. "While the family ate in the dining room, I was fed alone in a corner of the kitchen, mostly cornmeal mush—mush and milk for breakfast and fried mush for lunch."

Lafferty didn't receive much formal schooling. "I got my education in the school of hard knocks. I just didn't know the word 'can't.'" He worked for another kinder farmer from age 14 to 17—sleeping in a loft he built in a wagon shed, but at least eating with the family at the dinner table. Then he signed up for the Navy. In World War I he saw action against a German submarine in the Armed Guard Service and suffered a shrapnel injury. Many years later he was awarded a Purple Heart.

After the war Lafferty joined the merchant marine as a third mate on ships sailing out of New Orleans to Europe and Brazil.

In his lifetime Lafferty has worked at a variety of trades, including carpentry, cooking, chicken farming, census taking, engineering, and road rebuilding for the WPA during the Depression. He has also taught woodworking, carpentry, gardening, and minerology at a vocational school in Riverside, California. And to top it all off, he has even gone prospecting for gold in Colorado.

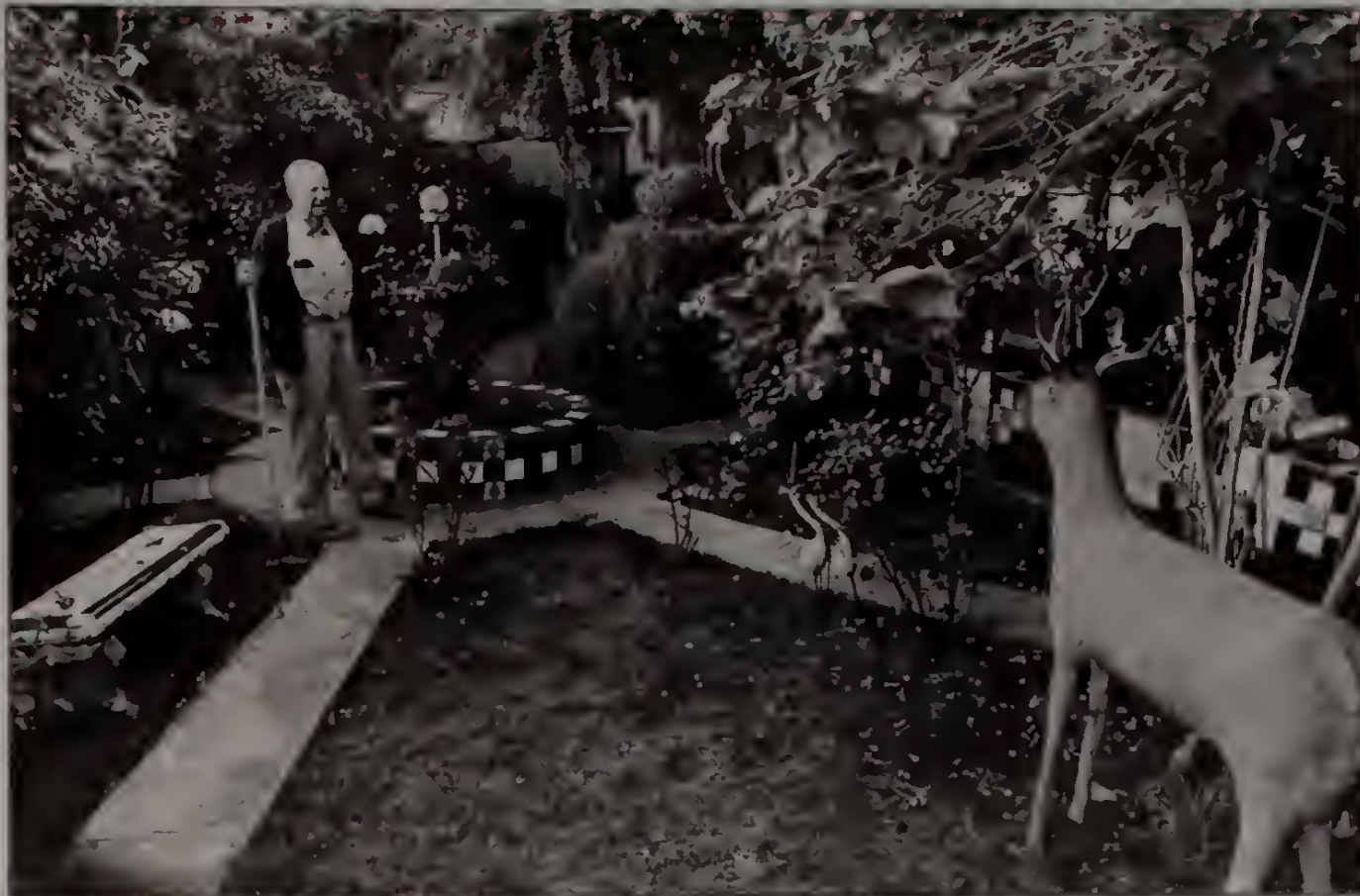
After moving to San Francisco in 1940, he took a job as a construction foreman for the Coast Guard, and spent World War II supervising a variety of construction projects, including all of the lighthouses on the California coast, a radio shack on the Farallon Islands, and repairs to buildings damaged in the infamous explosion at the Port Chicago Naval Station in 1944. In his spare time he has built and sold many houses out of wood or adobe.

Throughout his travels, Lafferty has held onto a sense of humor and perspective. "My old man and I never got along. He never gave me a nickel or a kind word in his life, but it didn't sour me," he says.

"I've had good luck with almost everything in life except women. That was true right from the beginning, when my mother abandoned me."

Lafferty has been married three times and divorced twice. He met his third wife, Violet, in San Francisco in 1943. She passed away in 1982. He has three children, a step-daughter, and several grandchildren scattered around the country.

"Most people can't do something un-



The Lafferty courtyard is a home-made museum that includes a cement sculpture of a deer, colored and patterned tiles, panoramic murals, and a bush shaped like a chicken. PHOTO BY ED BURYN

less somebody tells them to," he observes. "Preachers tell them how to live. I don't believe in any churches. My religion is the golden rule. I do unto others as I would like them to do unto me. However, sometimes I think about reincarnation and I wonder, where the devil did I get all those skills? Where did I learn to draw blueprints without any training or experience?"

Almost entirely self-taught, Lafferty says he was born with his many talents. He did receive a few piano lessons in the Navy, from the choir master of the U.S.S. *Pennsylvania*, and a few painting lessons once from an artist, in exchange for build-

ing a greenhouse for the artist's sister.

Lafferty says he also believes in fate—"everything that happens is planned out ahead of time"—and he offers as an example his marriage to his second wife, Laura. When he first moved out west, he sold his car in Bozeman, Montana, and took the train the rest of the way to the coast. On his first day in Seattle, while he was checking into a little hotel, "the desk clerk introduced me to a woman and her daughter in the lobby. The daughter was so damn sweet. We went on a picnic the next day, and within a month we were married."

Later Lafferty found out that Laura

had dated another man for two years, only to discover he was married. "She said to her mother, 'I'm going to marry the first man I see,'" who happened to be Lafferty.

In 1948 Lafferty became a chaplain for the Disabled American Veterans, visiting patients at Letterman Hospital and bringing them donuts and magazines. Every Christmas since then he has dressed up as the hospital's Santa Claus, making the rounds with a bag of gifts and sweets. "I run into some of the funniest things at Christmas," he says.

Three or four years ago a woman came into the hospital for an operation. "As I came to her door, I heard her saying, 'I so wanted to go home, but there's no such thing as Santa Claus.' Just as she said it, I walked in and said, 'What did you say?' Later she sent me a check with a note: 'I want you to use this money to save somebody else's life, because you saved mine.'" □



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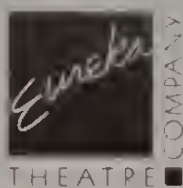
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But according to a report recently issued by the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA), business development in the Mission is not keeping pace with the rapid growth of the neighborhood's Hispanic population.

The report, based on research conducted by Palo Alto's Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy, states that the lag in commercial growth stems mainly from a lack of financial and technical support from government agencies, city planning bodies, and private investors.

"Projections are that by the year 2000, Hispanic spendable income in the Greater Mission District will increase by 38 percent, as compared to an increase of only 19 percent in the non-Hispanic population," says MEDA Executive Director Roberto Barragan. "But the kinds of goods and services purchased are—50 percent of the time—not available in the neighborhood." And Mission Street, the neighborhood's commercial hub, has received little in the way of physical im-

provements over the years.

The report makes several recommendations as to what Mission District businesses can do to reach their full economic potential, but according to Barragan, the highest help would be "a complete and regular maintenance [hy the city] of sidewalks on the Mission Street corridor between 16th and 25th streets, with particular attention paid to the BART stations at 16th and 24th."

Over the next few months, MEDA, located at 987 Valencia St., will be working with city agencies and with local businesses and organizations to tackle the issues raised by the report. Copies are available from MEDA at 282-3334.

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DiCicco Mixes it up at Möbius

By Jeff Kaliss

"You know what's phenomenal?" sound engineer Oliver DiCicco asks rhetorically. "It's that we can listen to a cardboard cone moving back and forth inside a wooden box and get anything like how it really sounded."

But this description of the principle of the high-fidelity speaker grossly underplays the role of a good engineer like DiCicco, and doesn't explain why jazz, rock, punk, and New Age musicians flock to his Möbius Music recording studio on Sanchez Street near 29th. It's meticulous technique, fair treatment, and fine equipment that have enabled Möbius to survive as the oldest continuously operating independent studio in the Bay Area.

The intense and darkly handsome DiCicco had no such plans when he moved with his photographer girlfriend in the former Sanchez Street bakery in 1974. He was a recent emigré from New York City who'd graduated from the University of Buffalo with a degree in poly sci and had gone to work in the nearby Moog factory, helping assemble some of the world's first electronic music synthesizers.

DiCicco arrived at Sanchez Street with two tape machines, a mixer he'd built from a kit, two mikes, some speakers, and a synthesizer he'd bought from Moog. He got a job with ADT maintaining background music systems, but got laid off after a year, at which time a couple of Filipino musicians asked him to record them.

It was thus that DiCicco was inspired to establish Möbius. He took out permits, soundproofed the downstairs space on Sanchez, and began remodeling, using the skills he'd learned from his father, a cabinetmaker.

DiCicco also acquired an Ampex four-track recorder and learned how to main-

tain it out of economic necessity, since his income from small local bands rarely covered his costs. A couple of years later he graduated to a 16-track machine and a bigger console, which he acquired from the 20th Century Fox film studio. This equipment allowed him to use more microphones and achieve a more complex, controlled "mix" of the sound.

His distaste for an extravagant lifestyle helped DiCicco stay solvent. "I'm not a consumer," he maintains, "and I don't like to clutter my life with a bunch of junk." He plowed his meager profits back into his business, never expecting to compete with big-time local studios such as Wally Heider and the Automat.

In the late seventies, sophisticated state-of-the-art recording gear became more available, as did clients, especially from the burgeoning San Francisco punk rock scene. Möbius recorded the premier albums of both the Dead Kennedys and Romeo Void.

"There was a lot of vitality around then," DiCicco reminisces. Although he was credited as engineer, he also often functioned as a producer, advising groups about the music itself. "You need to have the objective ear," he notes, "and I can listen to the whole song. I'm not attached to any particular part of it."

A short time later, Windham Hill established itself down the Peninsula, and its artists, including Noe Valleon guitarist Alex DeGrassi, began coming to Möbius, recording their trademark soft instrumental, eschewing the electronic amplification and distortion of the punk rock genre.

"It was like almost diametrically opposed to the Dead Kennedys," notes DiCicco. "And that was good because I got to work on my acoustic chops."

In 1982, Möbius was upgraded once again to 24-track capability, permitting more complex blends of various instru-



In recent years, DiCicco has learned to express his creativity not just by mixing music at Möbius, but by designing halogen lamps like this one, assembled from empty recording tape reels and spools. PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARD

ments, vocals, and electronic effects. In 1984, DiCicco served as engineer on guitarist Michael Hedges' *Aerial Boundaries* album for Windham Hill, and got nominated for a Grammy.

"I didn't have a chance of winning because it wasn't a pop record," says DiCicco. But the nomination did get him a ticket back to his hometown to attend the ceremony.

Around the same time, DiCicco bought the Sanchez Street property and married Annette Olesan, who was performing as one of four lead singers in the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra. DiCicco recorded a couple of albums for that popular dance-oriented group, including a live show at the Great American Music Hall, with the music connected by cable to DiCicco's remote truck parked out back.

"It's like working without a net, because you don't have the ability to go

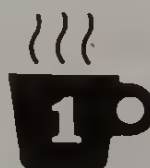
back in and fix anything," he says of the experience. "You don't get bored in sessions like that."

Boredom has rarely plagued DiCicco or Möbius, the site of quite a few changes over the last four years. He remodeled the studio extensively, establishing several "iso" (isolation) booths to allow individual singers or instrumentalists to record separately from the rest of the group. He hired staff to help both with the engineering and the business of the studio. And he and his wife split up.

For a while, DiCicco depended on 24th Street taverns for social contact, but he soon began to seek more productive outlets for his abundant energy. In 1986 he joined the Anchor Steam Rowing Team, competing in whaleboat races out on the Bay.

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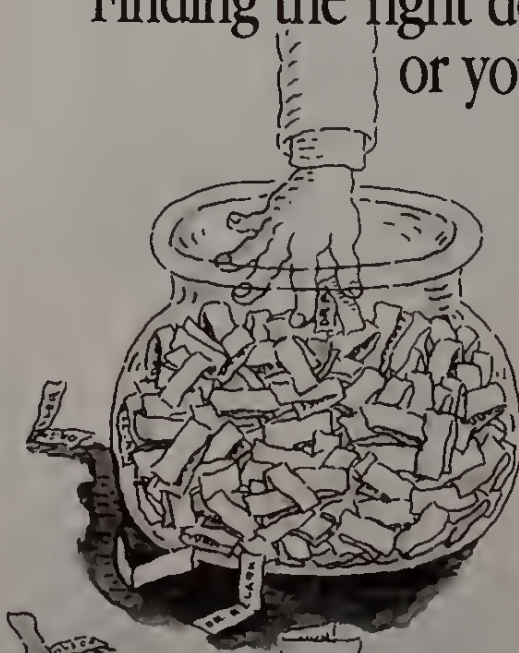
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"You might as well forget about all the problems you have as soon as you leave the dock," he enthuses, "because you're going to be hurting by the time you get back in."

More importantly, he discovered he was an artist in his own right. It began with lamps assembled from empty tape reels from the studio, and progressed to complex installations at the York Street Studio, in the company of other visual artists who became DiCicco's new pool of friends.

"At Möbius, it's not really *my* art," he points out. "There I'm an enabler. I enable people to visualize *their* art. . . . In the visual stuff I think I found my voice."

But DiCicco's skill in the recording studio, a mixture of engineering, musical aesthetics, business, and psychology, continues to be valued by serious musical artists, including such well-known figures as New Age synthesist Brian Eno and jazz drummer Eddie Marshall, a Day Street neighbor who's been making use of Möbius since it began.

"Oliver has a good reputation for recording jazz," Marshall attests. "The money is right, and the quality is always topnotch."

"I like to work live, like in Eddie Marshall's sessions, because not many studios will record a band live-to-stereo," notes DiCicco. "First of all, you gotta be able to mix it while it's happening. . . . Over the years, with the advent of multi-track recording, drum machines, and synthesizers, the art of miking is becoming a lost thing."

DiCicco is referring to the importance, in live acoustic recording, of using high-quality microphones, positioning them properly, and adjusting the levels properly on the console while the musicians are playing. He recently invested in a \$70,000 10-year-old Neve console be-



Oliver DiCicco (center) masterminds a live recording of jazz drummer Eddie Marshall from behind the Neve console at Möbius Music on Sanchez Street. Assisting are Möbius staff engineer Jane Scolieri and Bud Spangler, jazz deejay and Marshall's producer.
PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

cause he believed it could deliver the warm sound he favors better than newer and less expensive units. For similar reasons, he makes use of the now obsolete and high-priced Neumann tube mikes rather than later transistorized models.

This setup, a far different scene from the many studios dominated by impersonal electronic "midis" (musical instrument digital interfaces), attracts a significant variety of genres.

"Jazz people come here because I can record a band live, and I've got an iso-

booth in case they've got a singer," says DiCicco. "Rock groups come here when they want the vitality of a live session. I get synth people because they want the warmth of the Neve to fill out the sound of the digital synthesizers. But I also work with a lot of eclectic people like [guitar wizard] Henry Kaiser. . . . I'm interested in stuff that has an edge."

With the help of his staff and less need to struggle, DiCicco is finding more time for his outside explorations of art. In his upstairs apartment or at the York Street Studio, he rarely listens to recorded

music or goes to clubs, feeling that his ears need a rest.

But he still feels rewarded for all his personal investment when his studio is visited by the likes of upper Noe Valley neighbor Bobby McFerrin, who comes in occasionally to work out musical ideas.

"With Bobby, he goes in there, you turn the mike on, he pulls off this incredible stuff . . . and he does it effortlessly," DiCicco testifies.

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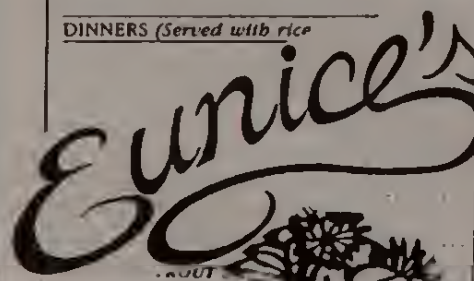
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IT'S QUIZ TIME for all you Noe Valley know-it-alls. But don't worry, there's no way you'll have to wait until December for the answers. You can find them listed below and on the next page.

Those of you who are able to answer all 12 questions (including the subparts) are truly Noe-nuts. Those who can answer only one or two are Noe-nothings who must have just arrived in the neighborhood. And those who fall somewhere in the middle are what I'd call noermal.

On your mark, get set, NOE!

1. On what northeast corner in Noe Valley is the house pictured to your right located? When was it built? (This picture was taken around 1914.) Who was its architect? Who owns it now?

2. Where in San Francisco is the steepest hill where auto traffic is permitted?

3. Is fashion designer Jim Proby closing his Noe Valley men's clothing store?

4. What is Thrifty Corporation planning to build on the roof of its 24th Street store?

5. What is the difference between the first group—Nellie, Comerford, Blanche, and Rayburn—and the second group—Miriam Blaustein, John Stalp, Harry Aleo, Carl Smith, and Fred Methner?

6. Where in Noe Valley can you find the "Great \$10 Room"? Where on 24th Street can you find the "Bulk Room"?

7. What is the most popular entree-to-go served up at Andiamo Gourmet Deli (at Diamond and Elizabeth)?

8. What is now located where these businesses were in the 1970s? A. Glen Five and Ten. B. Noe Valley Post Office. C. Star Greeting Cards. D. Cafe Metropole. E. Plate's Bakery. F. Finnegan's Wake. G. Bud's Ice Cream. H. The Noe Valley Law Office. I. East of the Sun/Woolly Mammoth. J. The End of the Line.

9. What is a "PG&E Rule 20" petition?

10. What district was Noe Valley located in when the city had district elections in the late '70s and early '80s? Who was the first supervisor from our district?

11. Which water district was the winner in the Bay Area Water-Tasting Contest held at Friends of Noe Valley's Off-Street Fair on May 19, 1984? Who were the judges? Who was the master of ceremonies?

12. What was the *second* most commonly requested item at local stores immediately following the quake of '89?

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THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE. Here are the answers. Please grade yourself. (Re-

and now for the RUMORS behind the news BY MAZOOK



This nearby mansion has withstood two major earthquakes, and now waits to be identified by you in Mazook's latest quiz (see question no. 1, left). PHOTO COURTESY HANK DUNLAP

member we're on the honor system here.)

1. This beautiful Stick-style Victorian is located on the northeast corner of Noe and 23rd, more precisely at 3996-98 23rd St. The building, which has two flats, was erected in 1892 by San Francisco architect Edward Burns, who died in 1896. It is owned by Hank Dunlap, who bought it in 1969 after it had been occupied for over 60 years by the Davis family. The Davis family purchased it in 1907 from the Wulffing family, who had built it for

\$4,600, considered a huge sum in the 1890s.

The photo, according to Dunlap, was taken "in the early teens" and shows a Mom and Pop on the ground level that was one of Noe Valley's first general stores. Dunlap says his research has revealed that Mrs. Davis created quite a scandal in the neighborhood in 1919 or so, when she hooted out the general store and converted the downstairs space to a parking garage. Her neighbors were outraged that Davis

was charging \$5 a month to park their cars (the garage held five vehicles).

Hank Dunlap, by the way, teaches at California College of Arts and Crafts and is one of the top 10 experts in the U.S. on 19th-century interiors. He is on his way this month to speak at the Iowa State Preservation Conference in Des Moines Nov. 11. Maybe we should ask President Bush to appoint Hank the head of the Department of the Interior.

2. That would be the 22nd Street hill, which slants 31½ degrees between Vicksburg and Church streets. You will probably get an argument from the people on Filbert Street from Hyde to Leavenworth, though.

3. "No," says Jim Proby, "I am going to be here [on 24th near Castro] at least through the Christmas season, after nine years at this location."

As you regular Rumors readers know, Jim Proby's storefront has been for rent for several months, but according to Proby, "The landlord can't find anybody who will lease the place, so I will stay here until there is someone who will sign a lease, and then I will look around for a new retail shop, hopefully in Noe Valley."

In the meantime, Proby says he'll continue to design menswear and to replenish the stock at his store. He adds that he's now specializing in clothing for the big and tall, and even doing a special line for Rochester Big and Tall, the giant store on Mission at Third Street.

4. Thrifty's roof will soon sport a satellite dish that will be enclosed by a painted and louvered fence approximately six feet tall and eight feet wide. They call it a VSAT, which stands for "Very Small Aperture Terminal."

Arnold Silverman, who is director of the Thrifty Corporation's Data Center Services department, explains that the company is installing its own independent communications system to avoid having to rely on "a myriad of different phone companies, like AT&T, Pac Bell, and GTE, to maintain communication lines."

Of course, Thrifty's neighbors are likely to be concerned that the earth-to-satellite transmissions will expose them to hazardous levels of microwaves. According to Thrifty, however, the exposure level is .314 milliwatts per square centimeter, which is less than a microwave oven.

5. The first group: Noe Valley alleys. The second: Noe Valley allies.

6. The Great \$10 Room is the back room at One More Time, the secondhand clothing store at 4156 24th St. Shop

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owner Michele Balk says, "I rearranged my entire business to take this room into account, when a fashion editor from the *Chronicle* moved to Paris and left me about 450 pieces of clothing with the suggestion to put them all out at ten bucks each."

Where's the Bulk Room? In the Real Food Company, of course.

7. According to Danny Forehione and Tom Di Serio, who own and operate Andiamo's, lasagna tops the list of entrees-

to-go.

8. A. Noe Valley Post Office. B. Just for Fun. C. Wells Fargo Bank. D. Rami's Caffé. E. Noe Valley Bakery. F. The Rat and Raven. G. Rory's Ice Cream. H. Fancy Fingers nail salon. I. The Courtyard Café. J. Verona Restaurant.

One footnote: Finnegan's Wake, the popular watering hole that lost its lease on 24th Street in 1984, has been reincarnated at 937 Cole St., in the spot formerly occupied by Maud's. Original partners Tom Frenkel and Alvin Warwas teamed up with Michael Paratore and David Wood to open the new Finnegan's Sept. 16.

Frenkel invites all those who mourned Finnegan's passing in Noe Valley to come

over to Cole Canyon for a reunion. "I agree with Thomas Wolfe that *You Can't Go Home Again*, but you can recreate a small part of your past if you want to," he says.

9. These are petitions by property owners wishing to have overhead utility wires in their area replaced by underground ones, thereby eliminating the need for utility poles. The citywide program, first instituted in 1899, allows undergrounding of San Francisco's overhead facilities at a rate of not more than 2½ miles a year. A group out on 30th Street has applied for the underground wires, but at the rate PG&E's going, it may take another 30 years for the entire

neighborhood to get underwired.

10. Our voting district was District 5, and our first supervisor was Harvey Milk.

11. The water winner was the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). The contest judges were Mission Police Captain Vic Macia, Supervisor Harry Britt, *Examiner* reporter Corrie Anders, KRON newsmen Ed Arnov, and S.F. Superior Court Judge Ina Gyemant. The M.C. was me!

12. Film. (The first being batteries, of course.)

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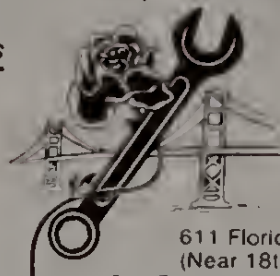
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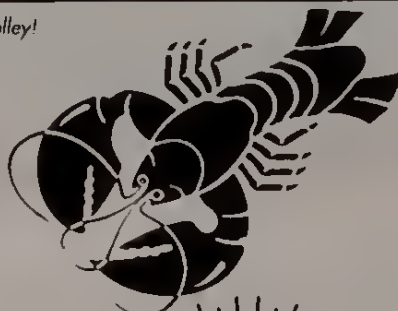
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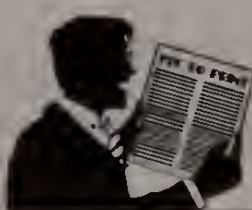
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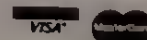
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This happened in the late 1930s when my parents' lodge for Swedish-speaking Finlanders, the Star of Finland, held its annual "Turkey Whist" party at Dovre Hall on 18th Street. Each October, the lodge ordered more than a hundred turkeys from a farmer in the San Joaquin Valley, printed up a few thousand raffle tickets, and then doled out the tickets to lodge members and their families so they could sell them to friends. I remember the feeling of relief when I sold the last of my large allotment.

On the big night of this particular Turkey Whist party, the ticket stubs were put into a large box, shaken well, then drawn. The names of the lucky ticket holders were announced between card games. Winners of the whist games (an early form of bridge) also won turkeys, so the hall was filled with tables of eager players. As each winner was called, his or her name was written on a tag that was then tied to one of the many crates—each containing a live turkey—stacked in the entrance of Dovre Hall. During the long evening, the crowd gradually thinned as each winner claimed his gobbling prize and carried it away.

My good-looking older brother Mike, who was then 21 and working on Montgomery Street, did not attend the early part of the Turkey Whist because of a heavy date with a blue-eyed beauty, Margaret Schudel, who lived on Elizabeth Street in Noe Valley. Mike and Margaret dropped in at Dovre Hall after their date, but by the time they arrived, there was only one turkey crate left in the entrance.

When my brother glanced at the tag, he was astounded to see his name written on it as a raffle winner. Unprepared for this good fortune, he had to borrow a rope to tie the large crate to his Ford V-8 coupe. Then he carefully drove his date home—even though the evening was still young. (This was the only time that Margaret had to play second fiddle to a turkey.)

The next day back at the house, my father began to build an impromptu pen for the bird in the yard, using assorted pieces of wood and a woven wire bedspring for the top. The pen seemed high enough, but my father questioned its security. His brother Ed, however, reassured him, saying, "The turkey can't get out of that pen."

Uncle Ed, a shy, silent man except when he'd had a couple of drinks, had spent the early part of the day at the Pilsner bar on Church Street near Market, so he was feeling talkative and his Swedish accent was more pronounced than usual. "Det turkey von't go anywhere. Yohn," he declared.

When the task was completed, we went into the house for a coffee break. It wasn't long, however, before my younger brother Warde burst in shouting that the turkey had escaped and was headed for the hill. My father and brothers ran out in pursuit, but the hill was covered with dry grass and gopher holes—making it difficult terrain to maneuver—and the turkey had a good start.

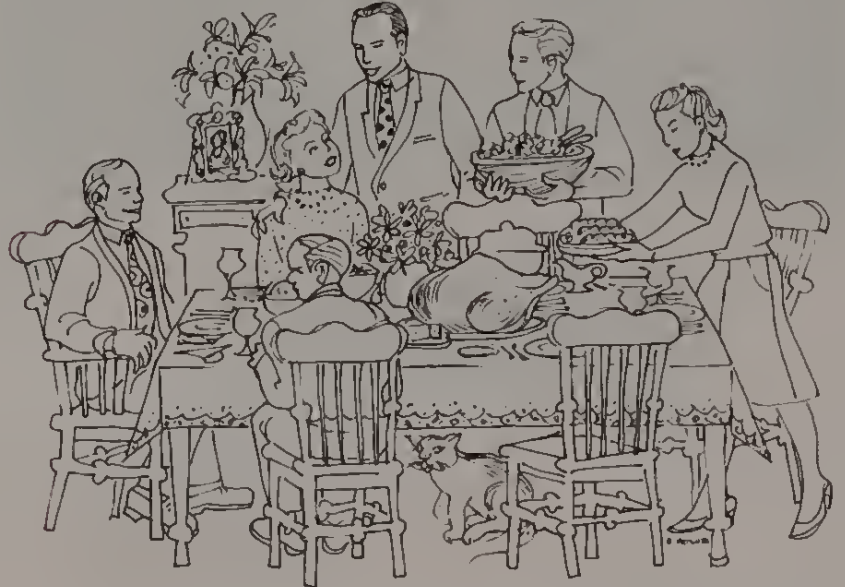
The three figures sped unevenly up the slope while I watched breathlessly from the window and Uncle Ed gave a blow-by-blow account: "Vhat a race! Det turkey iss vun qvick runner... but Yohn and de boys are pretty qvick too. Oh no! Yohn vent down (tripped by a gopher hole), but he jumped up again! De tree fellas are catching up. De turkey's waiting at de top of de hill... no, he's spreading his wings. Yumping yimminy, he's flying away! Vell, I warned Yohn det turkey would get away."

And that's what happened. At the top of the hill the bird spread his wings and disappeared over the crest, the three men still after him. As they followed, they watched the bird soar down and over the nearest rooftops, heading for a street edged with bungalows—a perfect landing strip. But by the time they got to the street, the fugitive was nowhere to be seen. After searching every front yard in several blocks, they finally found him huddled under a bush, gasping for breath.

The three hunters, each gripping a section of bird, marched to the butcher shop nearby, where our exhausted escapee was promptly immobilized, de-feathered, and put in cold storage.

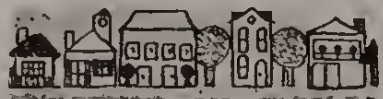
On the day before Thanksgiving we collected our turkey and began preparations for the feast. Since we had lost our mother to cancer a year earlier, and I was the only female in the family, it became my duty to cook the dinner. I was 18 at the time and had never had anything to do with a turkey before. It could have been a disaster, but for the kindness of a good neighbor, who helped me with the dressing and haking directions the night before.

In the morning I stuffed, haked, and served that turkey along with the traditional fare of mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, salad, and—from Plate's



Bakery—pumpkin pie. Gathered around the dinner table was our family of four, my brother's girlfriend, Margaret, and a very quiet Uncle Ed. All six of us had been acquainted with the entree, and remembered the great effort expended by those powerful thighs, so we feared the meat would be tough, but it wasn't. In fact, of all the Thanksgiving turkeys we have sampled over the years, this remarkable bird is recalled as being the most delicious, the most memorable... and the most appreciated for his sacrifice.

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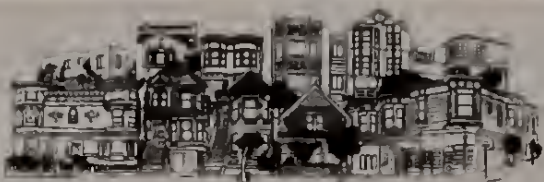
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Andrew Hsu Irgens-Moller

Andrew Hsu Irgens-Moller was "one of the most planned babies there ever was," says his father, Chris Ho.

Chris and Andrew's mother, Kirsten Irgens-Moller, really had to think ahead in order to fit Andrew into their busy schedules—Chris is a lawyer and Kirsten is a millwright. But they had no doubts about wanting a baby, and so on Dec. 17, 1988, at 5:07 p.m., they joyfully welcomed Andrew into the world, weighing in on Kaiser Hospital scales at 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

As it turns out, says Chris, finding the time to raise Andrew has been much more of a pleasure than a problem.

"It's been easier than I thought it would be," he cheerfully notes. Of course, Chris has been working full-time while Kirsten has been home with Andrew, but, he says, "I'm about to take a three-month break from my job, and I'm really looking forward to coming into my full role as a parent."

Kirsten, who just returned to her job as a millwright (she installs and repairs big machinery), has spent the past 10 months caring for Andrew while also working part-time at Global Exchange (an organization that builds people-to-people ties between North America and the Third World which Kirsten helped to found about a year ago). Andrew accompanied his mom to her job, and Kirsten says she was "still able to get 75 percent of my work done."



Baby Andrew Hsu Irgens-Moller stands on the verge of his first birthday between parents Chris Ho and Kirsten Irgens-Moller. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

In fact, she adds, "People had warned me to get ready for a big change after I had Andrew, but it wasn't such a big deal. You can really take babies almost


anywhere with you... and of course I'm big and strong! You use the same muscles in construction work as you do carrying a baby around all day."

Both parents attribute the ease of their parenting experience to Andrew himself, whom Mom calls "a little peach—very round and firm and smiley. He's not a whiny baby at all."

Dad agrees that Andrew is "a lot of fun. He travels well and likes camping. Sure, he's pretty rambunctious and curious—he rips my CDs out of the stereo cabinet, turns lights off and on, and kicks with amazing force—but he outdoes both of us with his good nature!"

Chris and Kirsten, both 33, have lived on Noe Street for the last four years, but they go way back, all the way to their days as high school sweethearts. Although they broke up after high school and went their separate ways for the next 10 years (Kirsten even moved to Denmark), their romance never truly died—and Andrew's the living proof. □

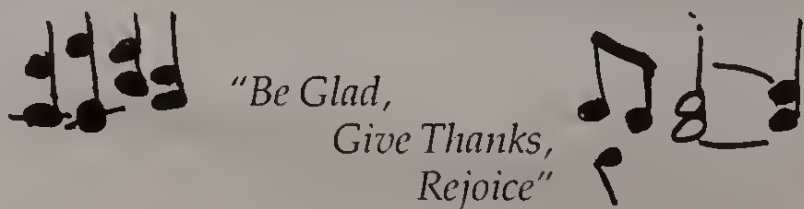
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Children's Librarian Debby Jeffery has some thrillers too, but wants to let everyone know that the Noe Valley Library recently received a load of new books for children in Spanish.

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Adult Fiction

All Our Tomorrows, the latest espionage thriller by Ted Allheury, imagines a takeover of Great Britain by the Soviets. Ross Thomas' *The Fourth Domingo* takes place in a small California town where both the mayor and chief of police become entangled in murder and bribery. *Jasmine*, a novel by Bharati Mukherjee, author of *The Middleman* and *Other Stories*, is about a young widow from a small Indian village who settles in the U.S. *Naked Once More*, Elizabeth Peters' latest mystery, features Jacqueline Kirby, an ex-librarian who plans to write the sequel to a late author's bestseller.

Adult Nonfiction

Among Schoolchildren, by Tracy Kidder, is a realistic account of the working life of a 34-year-old schoolteacher. *Bitter Fame*, the controversial new biography by poet Anne Stevenson, re-examines Sylvia Plath's work, life, and death.

Caring and Commitment, by theologian Lewis B. Smedes, investigates the contracts we make in friendship, romance, and marriage—and when it's appropriate to break them.

Called one of the "10 Best Books" by the American School Board Journal, Martin Neurko's *How to Get Your Child a Private School Education in a Public School* tells parents how to identify a good public school and get their child enrolled in it. *You'll See It When You Believe It*, by Dr. Wayne Dyer, author of *Your Erroneous Zone*, shows through personal example how to make your life all you want it to be.

Fiction for Children

The Killing Freeze, by Lynn Hall, is a murder mystery set at a winter festival and a page-turner for older readers. Welwyn Katz's *False Face* is about a 13-year-old girl named Laney, who becomes frightened when she learns some rare Indian masks have terrifying powers. In *Alfi Meets the Dark*, a story by Sally Miles for ages 3 to 5, Alfi learns where the "dark" goes when someone turns on the light. *Where Does a Brown Bear Go?* by Nicki Weiss is a wonderful preschool bedtime story about animals on their way home for the night.

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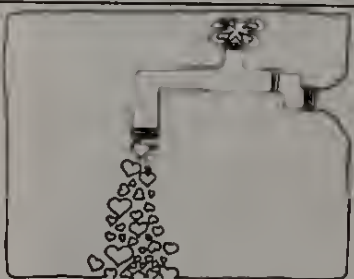
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NOV. 1 & 5: "La Otranda, the Days of the Dead," a FILM by Lourdes Portillo and Susana Muñoz, explores the Indian roots of the event and its continuity in the Chicano community Nov. 1, 7-30 pm, York Theater, 2789 24th St., 282-0316. Nov. 5, 6-30 pm, Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. 863-1087

NOV. 1-20: Voice photographer Lorene Warwick exhibits her hand-colored PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS at the 101 Bakery/Cafe, 101 Carl St. 9 am-10 pm, except Tuesdays. 681-7225

NOV. 1-30: Golden Gate Senior Services sponsors a citywide SENIOR ART SHOW at the PG&E cafeteria, open Monday through Friday, 7 am-3 pm. Opening reception Nov. 14, 2-4 pm. 77 Beale St. 652-0816

NOV. 4: CELTIC ELVIS, "the ultimate party band for people who think too much," will be joined by singer/songwriter/humorist Christine Lavin at the Noe Valley Music Series. 8-15 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272

NOV. 4: "Intuitive Decision Making" is a WORKSHOP to encourage reliance on personal intuition to plan important life decisions. 9-30 am-12-30 pm. Alumnae Resources, 660 Mission St. 546-0125.

NOV. 4 & 5: Bargains abound at the annual Wind in the Willows GARAGE SALE. 10 am-4 pm. Corner of Army & Church. 550-0210

NOV. 7, 14, 21 & 28: An orientation to the trades WORKSHOP geared for women (men are welcome) will cover training programs and how to enter various trades. 3 pm. John O'Connell Community College Center, 108 Bartlett St., Room 209. Call Lynda at 550-3127 for more information.

NOV. 8-14: "Shultitecock," Jerry Barrish's DRAMATIC FEATURE about love and betrayal premieres at the Roxie Cinema. 6, 8 & 10 pm, Sat. & Sun. matinees, 2 and 4 pm. 3117 16th St. 863-1087

NOV. 9: Sheppard B. Kominars will discuss his BOOK *Accepting Ourselves*, an examination of the problems of gay and lesbian alcoholics. 7-30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St. 282-9246.

NOV. 9: A free Heartsaver CPR CLASS is sponsored by the American Heart Association. 6-9-30 pm. Bahai Center, 170 Valencia St. Call 431-9990 for reservations

NOV. 11: RHIANNON and SARA FELOER provide an evening of music, storytelling, and juggling at the Noe Valley Music Series. 8-15 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272

NOV. 4 & 5: The City of Hope's fifth annual World's Greatest GARAGE SALE and Flea Market will benefit their Bone Marrow Transplant Center. Pier 3, Fort Mason Center, 391-6448.

NOV. 4 & 5: Creative Corners presents its 16th annual AUTUMN BOUTIQUE. Sat., 10 am-4 pm; Sun., noon-4 pm. Miraloma Improvement Club, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd. (at Del Vale).

NOV. 5 & 19: Rosa Montoya Bailes Flamencos performs traditional FLAMENCO music, song, and dance from southern Spain. 6 & 9 pm. El Oso Restaurant, 1153 Valencia St. 550-0601.

NOV. 6: Start your week off invigorated at Pamela Carrara's Monday morning "Body Awareness" stretch EXERCISE CLASS. 9-30-10-30 am. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 585-3869

NOV. 7: The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on ELECTION DAY.



NOV. 2-25: San Francisco Performers Theatre presents a DRAMA set in South Africa, "The Road to Mecca." Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Fort Mason, Building C, Room 300. 346-5550

NOV. 2-26: "Orothea" is a theatrical portrait of the life of Northern California photojournalist OROTHEA LANGE, performed by Tale Spinners Theatre. Thurs.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 2-30 pm. Studio Eremos, 401 Alabama St., #127. 621-8875

NOV. 3 & 4: CHOREOGRAPHER and performer Gail Chodera presents "Cowboy Love and Other Dances," an eclectic program of solos and duets. 8-30 pm. Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044

NOV. 3-5 & 10-12: Theatre Artaud presents "Black Choreographers Moving Toward the 21st Century," a festival of performances and symposia. 8 pm. 450 Florida St. Call 621-7797 for schedule of events

NOV. 4: The Bay Area Lesbian CHORAL ENSEMBLE sings traditional and contemporary songs in celebration of women in its premier concert, "Voices of Freedom." 8 pm. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts. 773-9181.

NOV. 11: Many local performers will appear at the fourth annual Noe Valley MUSIC FESTIVAL. 1-7 pm, at four 24th Street bars, Noe's, the First Ining, the Cork 'n' Bottle, and the Rat & Raven. For more information call 826-1103

NOV. 11: "Overcoming Writing Blocks" is a WORKSHOP sponsored by the University of California, San Francisco Recreation Department. 500 Parnassus St. For times and information, call 476-1800.

NOV. 11-12: "Dynamics of Color Building a Stronger Lesbian Community, Combating Racism, Honoring Diversity" is a two-day CONFERENCE including 20 workshops and a dance. Mission High School, 3750 18th St. Call 552-5677 for information and times

NOV. 12: KIOSHWS Performing Arts Series for Children presents Rafael Manriquez, Jacqueline Rago and Alisa Peres performing songs and music in Spanish and English. 2-30 & 3-30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 527-4977

NOV. 12: "Exercise Your Options" is a 5K RUN/WALK sponsored by Options for Women Over 40 and the Zivic Group for women and girls of all ages. 8-30 am. Golden Gate Park. For information, call race hotline, 431-6944

NOV. 12-DEC. 12: Susan Magnus presents an exhibition of Judy Grittelsohn's new PAINTINGS and drawings, "Animals and Pairs." Reception Nov. 12, 1-5 pm; hours by appointment. 3004 18th St. 552-2939.

NOV. 17 & 24: The "smoked cheddar" JAZZ VOCALS of former Noe Valleon Cathi Walkup will be featured at the Templebar Restaurant. 7-30-11-30 pm. Oil Grant between Post & Sutter.

NOV. 18: MARGA GOMEZ, the Cabaret Gold Award Entertainer of the Year, and PAUL KRASSNER, editor of *The Realist*, provide an evening of subversive comedy at the Noe Valley Music Series. 8-15 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272



The roots of Mexico's humorous approach to mortality are depicted in a film, "La Otranda: The Days of the Dead," that will be shown at the York Theater Nov. 1 and at the Roxie Nov. 5. ILLUSTRATION BY CHAGODA

NOV. 18: Radical Women's "Saturday Night at the MOVIES" series screens "The Unquiet Death of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." 7 pm. Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St. 864-1278

NOV. 18: Part three of "Body Electric," a multimedia POETRY/MUSIC series, will be presented at the Phil Deal Performance Gallery at Project Artaud. 8 pm. 401 Alabama St. 552-2604.

NOV. 19: The Miraloma Cooperative Nursery School hosts a homemade lasagne dinner and COMEDY NIGHT, featuring Deb and Mike. 7-10 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St. 585-5745 or 585-6789

NOV. 22: The public is invited to the Noe Valley Nursery School's annual THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON FEAST. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2278

NOV. 23: Gobble that gobbler and get stuffed with that stuffing, and give THANKS we survived last month's earthquake. Happy Thanksgiving from the Voice

NOV. 25: Psychic Horizons, Church of Natural Grace, sponsors a PSYCHIC READING FAIR. 2-4 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 346-7906

NOV. 26: Music, dancing, pool, pingpong, and refreshments will be offered at Operation Concern's WOMEN'S SOCIAL for older lesbians (60+). 2-5 pm. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St. 626-7000

NOV. 29: California Lawyers for the Arts presents a WORKSHOP on "Year-End Tax Planning for Artists." 7-8-30 pm. Fort Mason, Building B, Room 300. 775-7200

NOV. 30-DEC. 3: Glassmaker Shaun Westbach demonstrates the fine art of GLASSBLOWING at his studio exhibition and sale. 10 am-5 pm. 2377 San Jose Ave. 585-5652



Members of Celtic Elvis, a peculiar sort of party band, put their heads together for the Noe Valley Music Series on Nov. 4. PHOTO BY IRENE YOUNG

NOV. 11: Anna Cusenza shares secrets of VEGETARIAN COOKING, including food substitution and the use of tofu and Asian ingredients; lunch is included. 9-30 am-2-30 pm. Integral Yoga Institute, 770 Oroville St. 821-1117

NOV. 13: The Diamond Senior Center's THANKSGIVING DANCE will feature music by Walter Traverso. Luncheon will be served before the dance. 117 Diamond St. 863-3507

NOV. 16: FRANCESCA OUBIE reads from *Her Winged Silence: A Shaman's Notebook* at a book party and discussion at Old Wives' Tales. 7-30 pm. 1009 Valencia St. 821-4675

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